MILF willing to resume peace talks with gov't

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Reds ready to release major, chief inspector

COMMUNIST guerrillas are ready to release a captured Army major and a police chief inspector to signify their willingness to reopen peace talks with newly installed President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Former communist leader Satur Ocampo said the New People's Army was offering the release of Army Maj. Noel Buan and Chief Insp. Abelardo Martin as a "gesture of sincerity" by

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Macapagal: Exile is Estrada's call

But gov't bent on pursuing charges

By Christine Avendaño and Ma. Ceres P..Doyo

PROSECUTORS will pursue corruption charges against ousted President Joseph Estrada, but going into exile will be his decision, President Macapagal-Arroyo said.

"That's Mr. Estrada's call," Ms Macapagal was quoted by a Malacañang press statement as telling Boy Abunda, host of the ANC 21 show called "Conversations" where she appeared as guest on Thursday.

But the President said her administration was bent on pursuing all the cases to be filed against Estrada "so justice would be given to all concerned."

"There are litigations now. There are cases and the Department of Justice is pursuing them," she said.

Ms Macapagal was reacting to calls by Senate President Aquilino Pimentel Jr. and the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines for Estrada to go into exile to prevent his followers from destabilizing the government.

The President also told another television program on Friday that pursuing the cases against Estrada was one of the priorities of her administration.

Estrada is facing a plunder case following allegations that he amassed millions of pesos in "jueteng" bribes and tobacco tax kickbacks. He has denied the charges.

In an interview with Channel 7, Ms Macapagal said her administration would investigate the alleged stock price manipulation of BW Resources Corp., a company said to be owned by Estrada and his friend Dante Tan.

She said her administration would likewise step up the investigation of the mysterious disappearance of public relations practitioner Salvador "Bubby" Dacer last November.

Militant groups yesterday opposed sending Estrada into exile. Instead, they want the government to arrest and try him immediately.

"The people have spoken. They don't want Estrada to slip away and make justice more elusive," Bayan Muna said in a statement.

The political party is concerned

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GLORIA Macapagal, at 7 years old (top photo), spent her childhood at the Macaraeg-Macapagal ancestral house (below), a two-story, wood-and-concrete structure in Timoga in Iligan City.

ILIGAN DAYS

The house where young Gloria lived

By Christine Godinez-Ortega
PDI Mindanao Bureau

ILIGAN CITY—If the Marcoses have Paoay, if Estrada has his Polk mansion, and if the Quirinos have their museum in Vigan, the Macapagals have their own distinct structure, a two-story, wood-and-concrete affair.

The house, which sits on a two-and-a-half-hectare property in Timoga, Buru-un here, is surrounded by trees and greenery. The spring waters of Timoga meander beside the function room to eventually braid with the waters of Iligan Bay.

Gloria Villaraza, cousin of President Macapagal-Arroyo, says the Macaraeg-Macapagal House (MMH) displays items from the family's past.

Villaraza has transformed the ancestral house from an almost empty shell, a replica of the original house built on June 4, 1950 on the same site, to what it is today.

Still she wants to construct a swing, slide and playhouse on the lawn to complete the childhood idyll Gloria shared with her friends in Iligan and her maternal relatives, among them Villaraza.

As a child, Gloria stayed in Timoga with her grandmother, Doña Irinea Macaraeg, because she perceived that her parents didn't love her anymore when her younger brother, Diosdado Jr., was born.

Villaraza said Gloria played with dolls, collected shells, stones and corals, swam every day in the spring pools, and "read a lot of newspapers and books" in Iligan.

Part of her make-believe world was to put on a long dress,

THE HOUSE/ A20

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Edsa II worries Western media

By Amando Doronila

ANALYSIS

THE SECOND Filipino People Power in 15 years—that deposed President Joseph Estrada—was received with ambivalence by the liberally oriented Western media, and, not surprisingly, by Singapore's Senior Minister Lee Kuan Yew, who has never been a great fan of the Filipino variant of liberal democracy.

While the Western media generally welcomed the change in government, they expressed worries over People Power being institutionalized as a method of changing rulers.

The reactions of the Western liberal press should be taken separately from those of Lee. Both view events in the Philippines through different political prisms.

The perceptions of the Western media and of Lee on Philippine events merge at one point—they rest on the assumption that political institutions are strong and work to mediate political and social conflicts within the framework of the rule of law.

The media assumption is validated by the political experience of Western democracies and that of Singapore itself.

In the Philippines, political institutions are weak. This is a cru-

EDSA II/ A21

No coup, Ermita assures

By Carlito Pablo

ACTING Defense Secretary Eduardo Ermita yesterday said newly installed President Macapagal-Arroyo would not go the way of Corazon Aquino who had to quell seven military coup attempts during her term.

"The government is stable and I am confident about this," Ermita said as he brushed aside speculation that disgruntled soldiers might attempt a coup to restore deposed President Joseph Estrada to power.

"Definitely none," he said, when asked about reports that factions in the military and the Philippine National Police were trying to sow disunity in the ranks.

According to some political observers, Ms Macapagal is likely to face coup attempts as Aquino did because both leaders assumed the presidency with help from the military.

Aquino was installed by a civilian-backed military revolt in the 1986 Edsa People Power I while Ms Macapagal was thrust into the presidency following a military-backed civilian uprising of the recent Edsa People Power II.

In both instances, the deposed leaders—the late Ferdinand Marcos and Estrada—refused to concede defeat.

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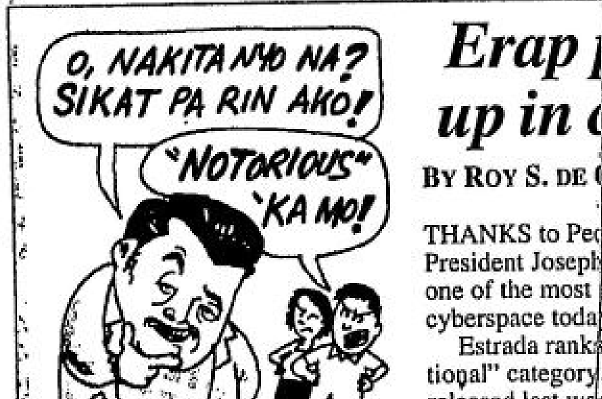
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Erap popularity up in cyberspace

By Roy S. de Guzman

THANKS to People Power II that ousted President Joseph Estrada, he has become one of the most "popular" politicians in cyberspace today.

Estrada ranks second in the "international" category, according to a tally released last week by the Internet portal and search engine 100Hot.com

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Corona: Tough guy has soft side

By Christine O. Avendaño

RENATO Corona has had little time to sleep since his boss, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, assumed the presidency last week, but he is not complaining.

President Macapagal's 52-year-old chief aide and spokesperson is used to being up till the wee hours for meetings, which became frequent after she severed her ties with then President Joseph Estrada to unite the opposition in October last year.

Already, the desk of Corona, a Harvard-trained lawyer, is teeming with papers a few days after he moved into his office in Malacañang.

On Friday night, however, there were indications that life was slowly returning to normal for the soft-spoken Corona.

He was to attend a wedding that night, he said. The day before, Corona said he was at home by 10 p.m.

A week earlier, he had had no sleep for days. He was deep in meetings with leaders of the multisectoral opposition as they and the rest of the country waited how things would turn up as

CORONA/ A20

CORONA: "Ramos boy" is back.

PAGKAKATAON NA 'TO PARA MATULOY ANG KAPAYAPAAN SA MINDANAO!

MILF willing to talk peace

ILIGAN CITY—The separatist Moro Islamic Liberation Front yesterday said it was willing to resume peace talks with the government on condition that charges against its leaders were dropped and government troops were removed from its fallen camps.

Aleem Elias Macarandas, a member of the MILF peace panel, said the newly installed Macapagal-Arroyo government should grant these demands as a gesture of goodwill.

In Davao City, former Tarlac Gov. Margarita "Ting-ting" Cojuangco yesterday said a ceasefire should be made a "top priority" in the peace agenda.

Cojuangco, a convenor of the Council on Philippine Affairs (Copa) which President Macapagal-Arroyo recently tapped to help in restarting peace talks, said a ceasefire was the "key" to boosting MILF confidence in the peace process.

Paul Dominguez, presidential adviser for regional development, said Ms Macapagal was holding "high-level" discussions with senior government officials involved in the peace process regarding the matter of a ceasefire.

Dominguez said the Macapagal-Arroyo administration was still in the process of finalizing its general policy on the insurgency problem in the country.

But he said the government had already announced its commitment to reconstruct the peace process and implement special programs to accelerate peace and development in Mindanao.

"That statement already is a very big departure of the all-out war strategy (of the Estrada administration)," Dominguez, assured.

Immediately after meeting with her top security advisers in her first day of office, Ms Macapagal ordered a resumption of talks with the 13,000-strong MILF, which has been waging a two-decade rebellion for an independent Islamic state in the South.

She also appointed former military officials to key posts in her government, including Defense Secretary Eduardo Ermita and Executive Secretary Renato de Villa.

But Macarandas said the government should first pull out its forces from several MILF camps that fell last year under Estrada's all-out war policy against the rebels.

He said government prosecutors should also dismiss murder charges filed against several MILF leaders in connection with a wave of deadly bombings in Manila that killed 22 people.

"This should be given back to the MILF and developed into zones of peace," Macarandas told reporters in Iligan. "The warrants of arrest (against the MILF leaders) will only disrupt any and all kinds of negotiations because it will prevent freedom of movement (for MILF negotiators)."

Talks with the MILF collapsed after the fall of their camps, forcing their leaders to declare a *jihad* or holy war.

But Macarandas praised Ms Macapagal's appointment of former military officials in her Cabinet, saying this could help speed up the peace process because they would be able to give her a "clear view of the Mindanao situation."

MILF guerrillas have also intensified this month their attacks on government installations and Army outposts in central Mindanao.

In the latest attack, MILF guerrillas fired rocket-propelled grenades into an Army command post in the town of Barira in Maguindanao province on Friday, triggering sporadic clashes but no immediate report of casualties on either side.

In another report, the military said that MILF guerrillas had attacked a largely Christian village in Lanao del Sur, killing three people and wounding five others.

Fifty guerrillas attacked the town of Balabagan on Friday, firing rockets and automatic rifles, killing three civilians and wounding others, Col. Hilario Atendido said.

The guerrillas burned down three of the village houses and looted residents of food before fleeing the area, the colonel added.

It is believed that the MILF are trying to drive civilians out of the area to tighten their control over the territory.

Cojuangco said she intends to take up her ceasefire proposal with Ms Macapagal and with the other members of the government peace panel.

"I think a ceasefire should be a top priority to show her (the President's) goodwill, and she does have goodwill," Cojuangco said.

Cojuangco, who is a reserve colonel, also said that in order for the peace process to succeed the military should be put on "standby" mode and avoid troop movements in MILF areas.

She said such a strategy would help avoid fighting on the ground and allow the peace talks to proceed smoothly.

Cojuangco also said the standing warrants of arrest issued by the courts against the leaders of the MILF may not serve the peace process well.

"How do you expect them (MILF leaders) to be able to speak to us if the minute that they show their faces they will be arrested?" she asked.

But when asked if she would favor the lifting of the warrants, Cojuangco said she would rather not make any suggestions or interfere with the courts.

Cojuangco had served as an emissary of then President Corazon Aquino to the MILF during her administration. She said she has maintained her contacts with MILF leaders. *Jowel F. Canuday, PDI Mindanao Bureau, with a report from AFP*

Maranaos hail Datumanong appointment

MARAWI CITY—About 1,000 Maranaos lauded President Macapagal-Arroyo's appointment of a Muslim to her Cabinet and her move to resume peace talks with Moro rebels, at a rally here yesterday.

The rallyists also celebrated the downfall of President Joseph Estrada. "Thank God for the deserved ouster of gambling lord Erap," read a poster carried by the protesters.

Many of those at the rally were high school students who skipped classes and joined their teachers in downtown Marawi. Weekends for Muslims are on Friday and Saturday and the start of the workweek is Sunday.

Lacs Dalidig, head of the Islamic Movement for Electoral Reforms and Good Government, said Ms Macapagal's appointment of Maguindanao Rep. Simeon Datumanong as secretary of Public Works and Highways shows her "sincerity" to Filipino Muslims.

Dalidig also pointed out that Ms Macapagal's father, the late President Diosdado Macapagal, was "good to the Muslims."

"It's the first time a Muslim was appointed to a Cabinet post," said lawyer Dimapuno Ramos, a customs official in Manila who was at the rally.

Baicon Cayongkat-Macaraya of the Bangsa Moro Youth Movement said Datumanong's appointment is "a breakthrough."

She said the new President's move to resume peace talks was a positive development and her group was hoping civilians would be appointed to the negotiating panel instead of military people.

"We're hoping that Ms Macapagal will live up to our expectations, that she will bring peace back to Mindanao," said Bamba Lao, a senior high school student at the Jamiatul Philippine Al-Islamia. ***Bobby Timonera, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

Mayon eruption feared

LEGAZPI CITY—Mayon Volcano yesterday spewed clouds of ash as magma appeared to be rising very close to the surface, one of the signs of an eminent eruption, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology said.

The Phivolcs recorded two ash explosions, one at 8:45 a.m. and another at 8:55 a.m.

Resident volcanologist Ernesto Corpuz said instruments have detected 42 volcanic earthquakes during the 24-hour observation period that ended at 6 a.m. yesterday.

Sulphur dioxide emissions were recorded at about 5,040 tons per day, much higher than the usual 1,000 tons per day level.

"This clearly shows that magma is very close to the surface," Corpuz said.

Phivolcs has raised the alert level on Mayon from 2 to 3 after the volcano showed a high level of unrest.

Corpuz warned residents living just beyond the permanent danger zone (PDZ) to avoid the gullies and rivers that might channel dangerous volcanic flows to lower areas.

"There are higher risks associated with explosions from the summit crater," Corpuz said.

Despite warnings, however, residents have refused to leave the danger zone. ***Floreño G. Solmirano, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau***

Accidental explosion knocks out power at Naia

AN ACCIDENTAL explosion destroyed an electrical cable and triggered a power outage and crippled operations for more than an hour at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport yesterday, officials said.

Airport officials ruled out sabotage and speculated the explosion may have been caused by a spark from a faulty cable igniting underground gases.

The power outage shut a central air conditioning system, baggage conveyors and most computers, halting services and inconveniencing hundreds of plane passengers, witnesses said. Passengers who arrived via three international flights were made to disembark via portable stairs and not through the usual air bridges, flight operations officials said.

News of the explosion and the sight of security personnel moving around to restore order also scared many people at the airport. The airport was one of five places struck by powerful bomb attacks that killed 22 people and injured more than 120 people on Dec. 30.

Police blamed Muslim separatist guerrillas for those bombings.

Assistant general manager Elpidio Mendoza said they were investigating the cause of the explosion that destroyed a cable at an underground electrical facility but stressed "it was not caused by a bomb."

"It was accidental," Mendoza said. "There was no bomb, no bomb."

Airport authorities speculated a spark from a faulty cable connection may have ignited gases in an underground electrical housing, triggering a blast that destroyed the power cable. Airport officials restored power after repairing the damage cables. *AP*

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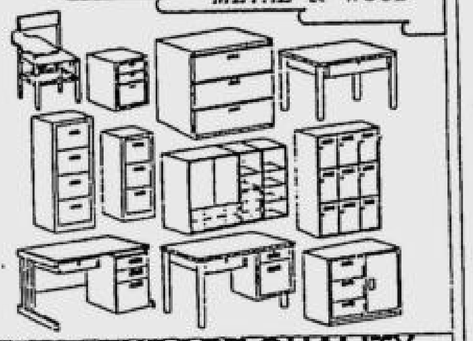

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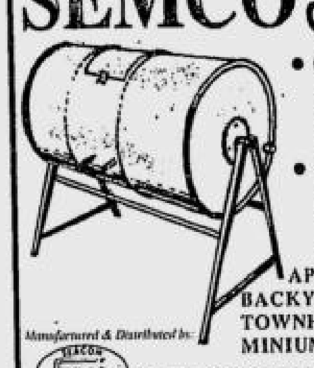

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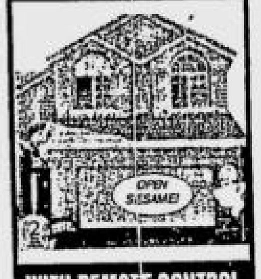

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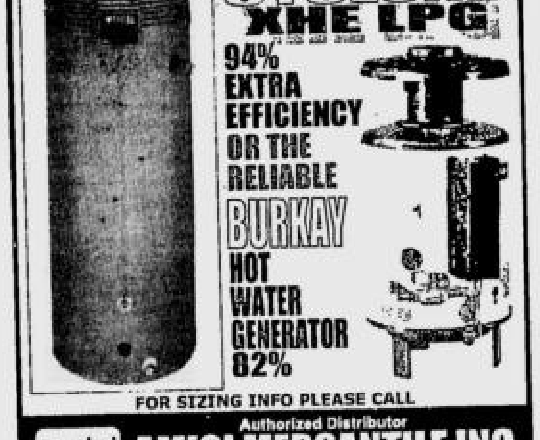

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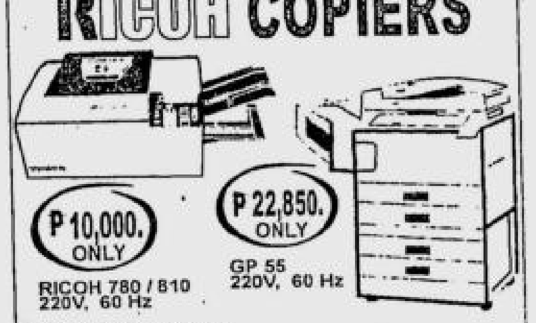

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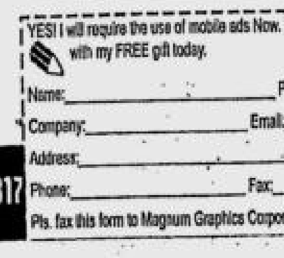

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No 'back door' entry

BY P. TUBEZA

THOSE alarmed by the major role played by the Left at Edsa II have nothing to be worry about.

Militant group leaders are not about to get into government through the "back door," said a prominent member of the leftist movement.

In fact, Satur Ocampo of the Bayan Muna party said, the revolutionaries want to get in like most others— being elected to office.

Ocampo said that while he and other members of cause-oriented groups are concerned about some recent appointments in the Macapagal administration, they themselves are not actively seeking positions in government.

If they do get into office, he said, they would prefer that it be through elections and not through executive fiat.

"Bayan Muna will get its mandate from the people," Ocampo told reporters during a weekly press forum. Bayan Muna is set to participate in the May elections.

Ocampo said members of militant groups would probably decline offers of government posts, unless the powers-that-be are in complete agreement with the reforms that cause-oriented groups are fighting for.

Ocampo said he has not been asked to join the Macapagal administration. Nor is he being eyed to head the Department of Agrarian Reform, he said.

"I have not been invited formally or informally. I only heard this through the media," he said.

Ocampo said Pangasinan Rep. Hernani Braganza appears to be the administration's choice for agrarian reform secretary.

He said that during the wake for Braganza's late father recently, the congressman sought his advice on taking the post.

Ocampo said he told Braganza the agrarian reform secretary must be up to the problems of the job, especially with the "diluted" Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law.

Teddy Casiño of Bagong Alyansang Makabayan said the administration should not appoint members of non-governmental organizations to positions just to project a progressive image.

He said there should be transparency in the selection of officials in the Macapagal administration.

"Why don't they put in the newspapers the positions that are open? Only people who are powerful know which positions are available," Casiño said.

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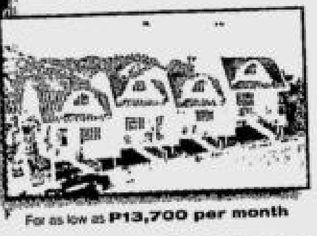

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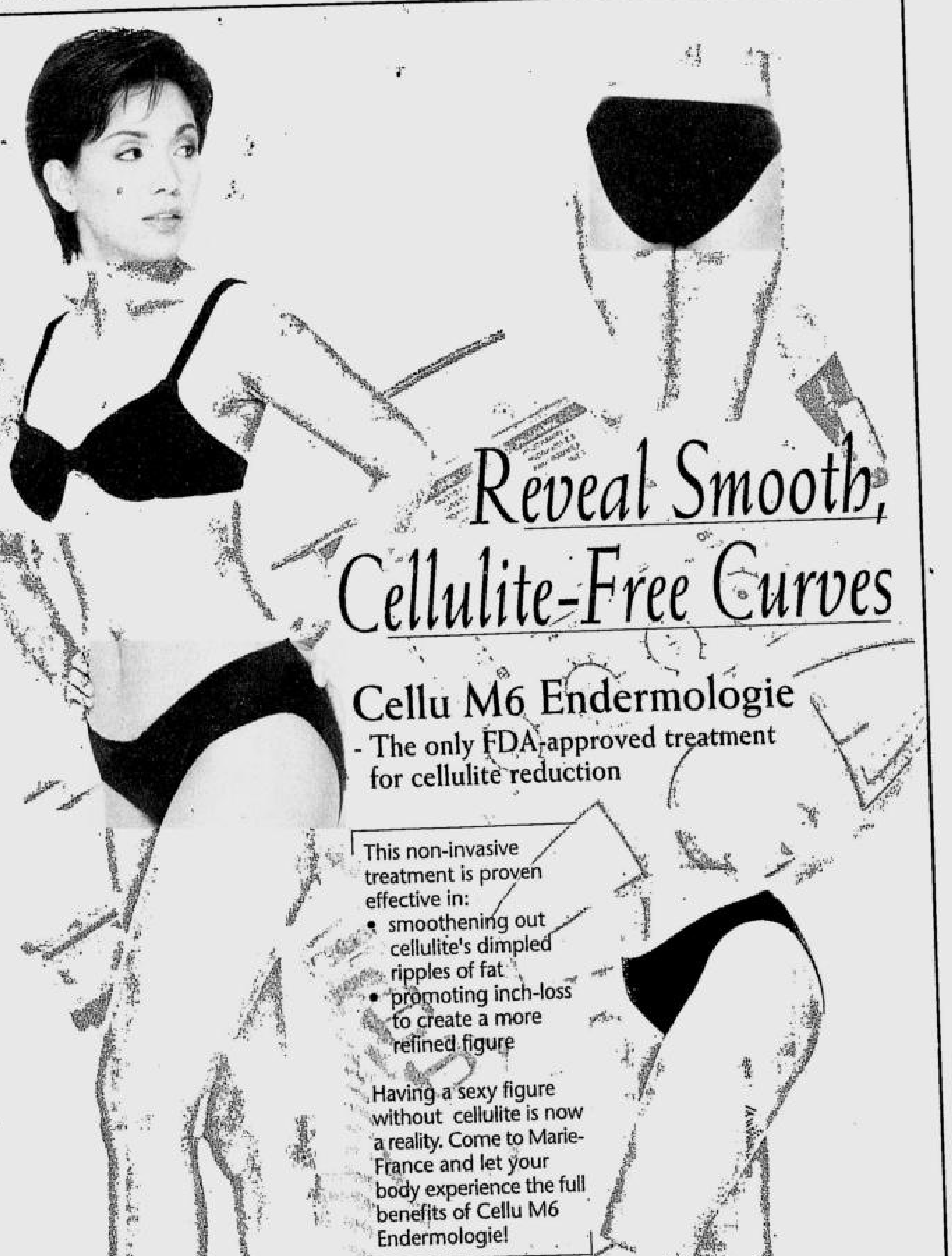

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the NPA to resume talks with the government.

Ocampo said the NPA offer was relayed to him by Gregorio Rosal, spokesperson of the armed wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines.

"The NPA is ready to release the captives if President Macapagal-Arroyo so requests and provided the process of the release is agreed upon," Ocampo, former spokesperson of the communist-led National Democratic Front, said on a local radio station.

The two officers are "in good health and in good condition," he said.

Ms Macapagal, who assumed the presidency last week after a military-backed popular revolt toppled Joseph Estrada, has ordered an immediate resumption of peace talks with communist and Moro insurgents. *(See related story on Page A2.)*

"There have been positive signals from both sides. Things are developing favorably," Luis Jalandoni, the Dutch-based chief negotiator of the NDF, said in a statement.

The NDF, umbrella group of all underground communist organizations in the country, offered last year to release the two prisoners who were abducted by the NPA in July and August 1999.

The NDF later decided against the release of the two captives after the government stepped up military action.

The Estrada administration also refused to negotiate for the release of the captives, fearing the talks may legitimize the communist struggle amid an "all-out war" policy.

The abduction of the two captives came shortly after the rebels called off peace talks with Estrada in protest over the Senate approval of the Visiting Forces Agreement.

The rebels, who have been fighting for the establishment of a Marxist state the past 30 years, claimed the government would use the accord in its counterinsurgency drive.

Jalandoni and other exiled NDF leaders also expressed hope the new government would release the more than 200 political prisoners they said had been arrested under Estrada.

They said they were also awaiting the appointment of a new government negotiating team for the peace talks.

"We would expect a reply or something definite (on these issues) within the next two weeks," Jose Ma. Sison, NDF consultant and founder of the Communist Party of the Philippines, said.

Ceasefire urged

For his part, Quezon Rep. Wigberto Tañada yesterday called on the government and communist rebels to declare a bilateral ceasefire to pave the way for the resumption of peace talks.

"Both sides have already come out in the open declaring their willingness to resume the peace talks. So I think it would be a good start if both sides would also be willing to temporarily rest the barrels of their guns and talk earnestly on how to have a lasting peace in the country," Tañada said in Lucena City.

"How can there be an atmosphere conducive to the resumption of peace talks when there is a threat of armed offensives and continuous conduct of war? This will not permit us to earnestly work toward the fulfillment of. our common desire for peace," the Quezon lawmaker said.

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Tañada's call came in the wake of a declaration by NPA rebels on Jan. 22 that they would step up offensives against the new government.

On Saturday, the military claimed to have scored another victory against the NPA when it reported to have killed five rebels in Sinjloan, Laguna, while capturing six others in the Visayas. *(See related story on Page A16.)*

Tañada said the two sides should immediately agree on the release of Chief Inspector Martin and Army Major Buan.

But he said the rebel demand for the immediate release of 200 political prisoners in the country would be a "contentious issue."

Tañada voiced optimism that peace would soon reign in the country.

"I fully share the observation that the local communists have now finally evolved as one willing partner in a common desire for change through peaceful and non-violent manner," he said.

"In Edsa II, despite several days of heightened heat and passion of the multitudes, the rebel movement decided to stay hands-off, despite the opportunity for them to launch several efforts to further destabilize the government. But they did not," Tañada said.

"Let us give them all the chance. Let us all welcome them in their decision to join the mainstream." *Reports from Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau; AFP, and Reuters*

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5 rescued off Sabah

KUALA LUMPUR—Five Filipinos have been rescued eight days after their boat sank off Malaysia's eastern state of Sabah but another five are still missing, police said Sunday.

"We are thankful to God for saving our lives," said Pengs Hasali, 38, skipper of the barter trade boat that capsized in high seas in the Balabac Strait between the two countries.

Local marine police chief Omar Dawam, quoted by Bernama news agency, said Malaysian fishermen rescued the five Saturday morning.

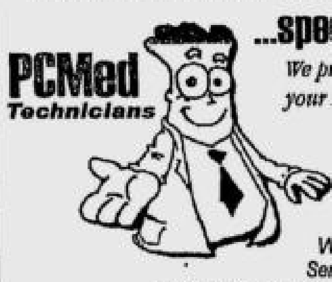
He said marine police were only told of the sinking on Saturday night and launched a search for the missing five on Sunday morning.

Those rescued were in a small wooden boat while their missing shipmates were in a lifeboat. The boat went down off Banggi island.

Pengs said their barter trade boat sank after being hit by waves as high as three meters when the bilge pump failed to work.

"The 10 of us managed to stay together for two hours before the seas tore us apart. We were adrift at sea for eight days before we were rescued by the Malaysian fishermen yesterday morning," he was quoted as saying.

"We depended on a little bit of water to carry along the ordeal." *AFP*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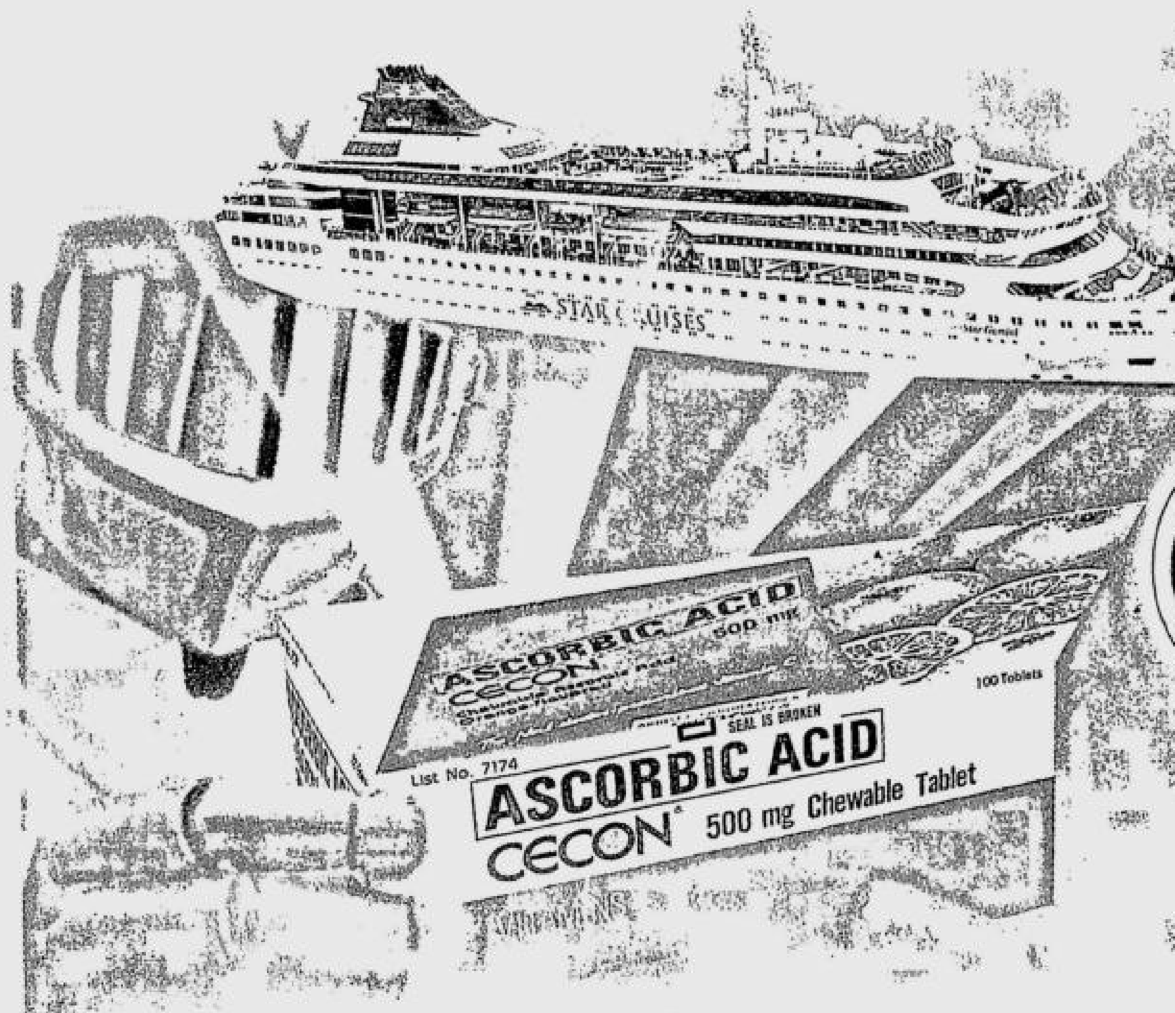
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Roco bats for 'spiritual infrastructure'

By Ma. Ceres P. Doyo

"HELP us build a spiritual infrastructure," newly appointed Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports Sen. Raul Roco urged militant church groups last Saturday.

Speaking before some 200 church workers at the Maryhill School of Theology, Roco said the education department should look after the physical and spiritual welfare—the body and soul—of students as well as teachers.

The occasion was organized by the Association of Major Religious Superiors of the Philippines and several church groups in thanksgiving and celebration of the ouster of President Joseph Estrada who was removed from office in a bloodless popular uprising by the citizenry.

"Every graduate should be a hero, someone who could tell the truth," Roco told the crowd that cheered him again and again.

"There are few things that are considered intrinsically evil, and one of them is to tell a lie," he said.

He described as "compounded misery" the situation of public school teachers who receive their salaries six months late and who, in the meantime, have to borrow money from usurers.

"Why can Jose Velarde (the alleged alias of Estrada), for example, send money to the US in minutes while the salaries of teachers in Romblon can't get to them on time?" Roco asked.

Although Roco has accepted the position of education secretary, he has not taken his oath because, he said, he has important tasks to attend to in the Senate, the budget among them.

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Roco was among the 10 senators who voted to open a second bank envelope believed to contain damning evidence against Estrada on the issue of his ill-gotten wealth.

The vote was won by the 11 senators allied with Estrada who elected to keep the envelope sealed, but the hue and cry from the citizenry that followed drove the president from office.

The recent events, Roco said, showed that truth cannot be hidden, not even by money and power.

The education department that Roco will soon head is considered one of the most corrupt agencies in government.

It was recently rocked by textbook scams and an outcry over the purchase of luxury vehicles for its top officials.

Roco warned textbook suppliers to back off. "Suppliers who approach me will be blacklisted," he said.

He said he wants textbooks that could be used for five years, not the kind that the next batch of students cannot use the following year.

These books are then thrown away, Roco said, while their publishers keep printing them and getting rich.

GMA says De Villa behind 'security team'

By Christine Avendaño

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo relied on Executive Secretary Renato de Villa, a former military official, and not her search committee to form the "security team" in her Cabinet.

The President made the statement in a television program aired over the GMA Network last Friday.

Ms Macapagal was asked if she had any part in deciding the controversial appointment of retired Gen. Lisandro Abadia as National Security Adviser.

Before the query, Ms Macapagal said she did not "fully depend" on the search committee in deciding all Cabinet appointments because "in the end the buck stops with me."

Explaining De Villa's role in the appointments, Ms Macapagal said:

"The search committee doesn't know the security situation and the security community. So I'm relying on Secretary De Villa and this is the team he is forming."

In the case of Abadia, she said she knew that charges had been filed against him before the Ombudsman but that these had been dismissed.

"Now, if a case is filed again against him, we will not stand in the way," the President said.

Abadia's appointment as National Security Adviser prompted the resignation of Defense Secretary Orlando Mercado who claimed he could not serve in a Cabinet with Abadia.

Mercado said he was the one who had investigated the pension fund scam which led to charges being filed against Abadia.

Ms Macapagal also said it was De Villa who had chosen Gen. Leandro Mendoza as Philippine National Police chief, another controversial appointment that is being questioned by anti-crime groups.

Asked whether De Villa consulted with other generals on the appointment of Mendoza, the President merely said that Mendoza was backed by the Jesuit community.

As to the Council on Philippine Affairs questioning her Cabinet appointments, Ms Macapagal disclosed that even before she became President, Copa, one of the citizen's groups in the anti-Estrada protest movement, had already felt slighted.

She said that Copa had complained that she was not coordinating with them, claiming that she was a "captive of the cordon sanitaire" of the Kongreso ng Mamamayanng Pilipino.

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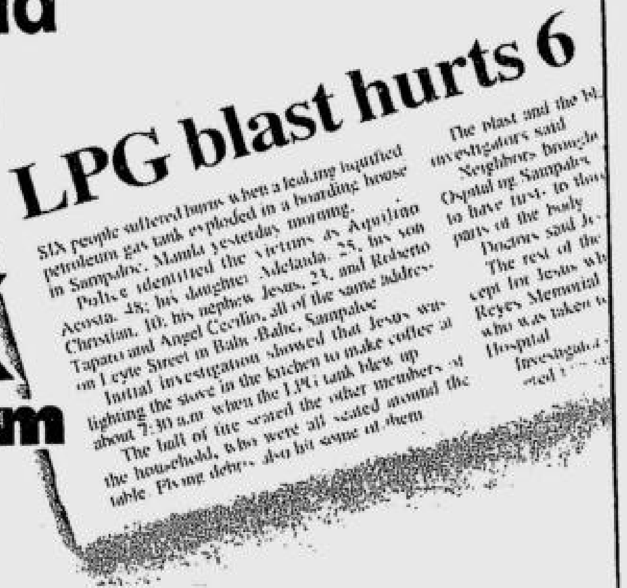
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Jesus and his disciples arrived on the other side of the lake in the region of the Gerasenes. No sooner did Jesus leave the boat than he was met by a man with evil spirits who had come from the tombs. He lived among the tombs and no one could restrain him, even with a chain. He had often been bound with fetters and chains but he would pull the chains apart and smash the fetters, and no one had the strength to control him. Night and day he stayed among the tombs on the hillsides, and was continually screaming and beating himself with stones.

When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell at his feet and cried with a loud voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, son of the Most High God? For God's sake I beg you, do not torment me." He said this because Jesus had commanded, "Come out of the man, evil spirit." And when Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" he replied, "Legion is my name, for we are many." And all of them kept begging Jesus not to send them out of that region.

Now, a great herd of pigs was feeding on the hillside, and the evil spirits begged him, "Send us to the pigs and let us go into them." So Jesus let them go. The evil spirits came out of the man and went into the pigs, and immediately the herd rushed down the cliff and all were drowned in the lake. The herdsmen fled and reported this in the town and in the countryside, so all the people came to see what had happened.

They came to Jesus and saw the man freed of the evil spirits sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, the same man who had been possessed by the legion. They were afraid. And when those who had seen it told what had happened to the man and to the pigs, the people begged Jesus to leave their neighborhood.

When Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed begged to stay with him. Jesus would not let him and said, "Go home to your people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you and how he has had mercy on you." So he went throughout the country of Decapolis telling everyone how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were astonished.

Commentary

Doctors say that a breakdown in the immune system is what usually makes us susceptible to viral infections of sorts. Perhaps we can speak of devils as "spiritual viruses" that infect the soul in a similar way, such as when our spiritual immune system becomes low. They can be like legions that likewise cause our isolation from people, turning us into virtual "living dead," who have no control of self, who inflict violence on themselves. Until and unless they are named, we can have no power over them. This is probably what we really seek when we ask for counseling: to be helped in identifying the viruses that afflict our souls.

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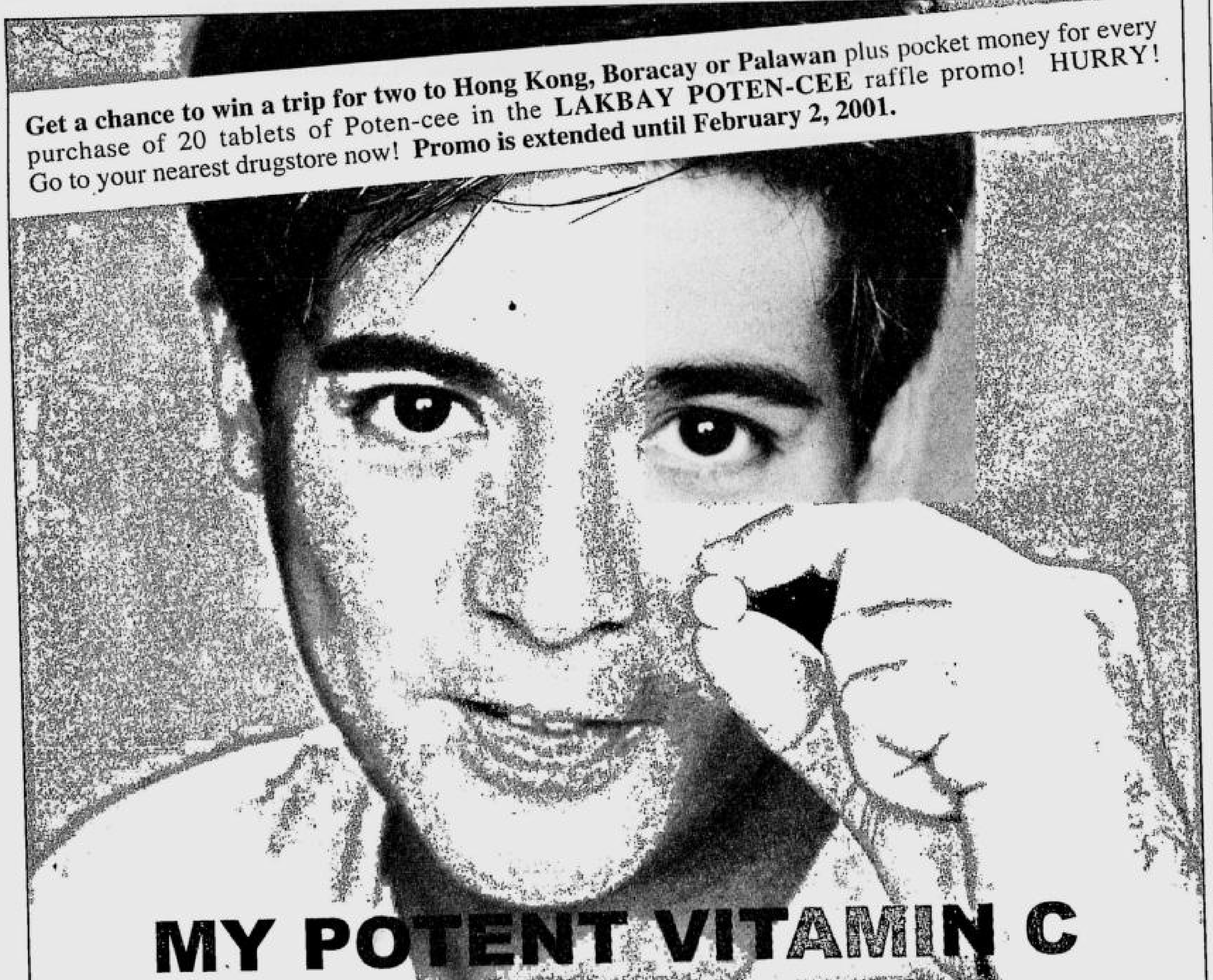

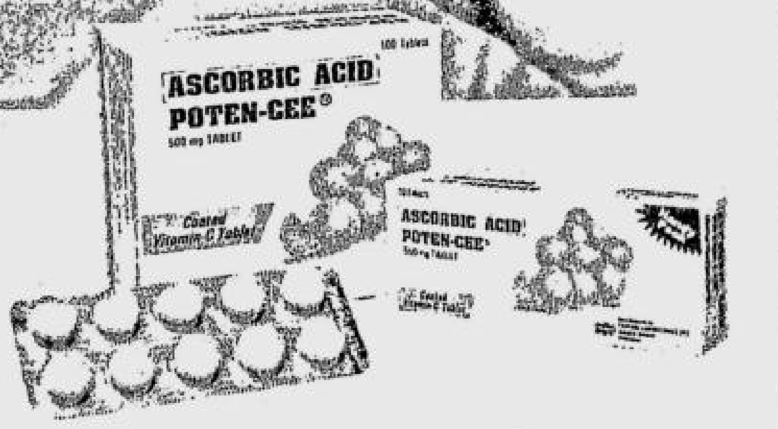

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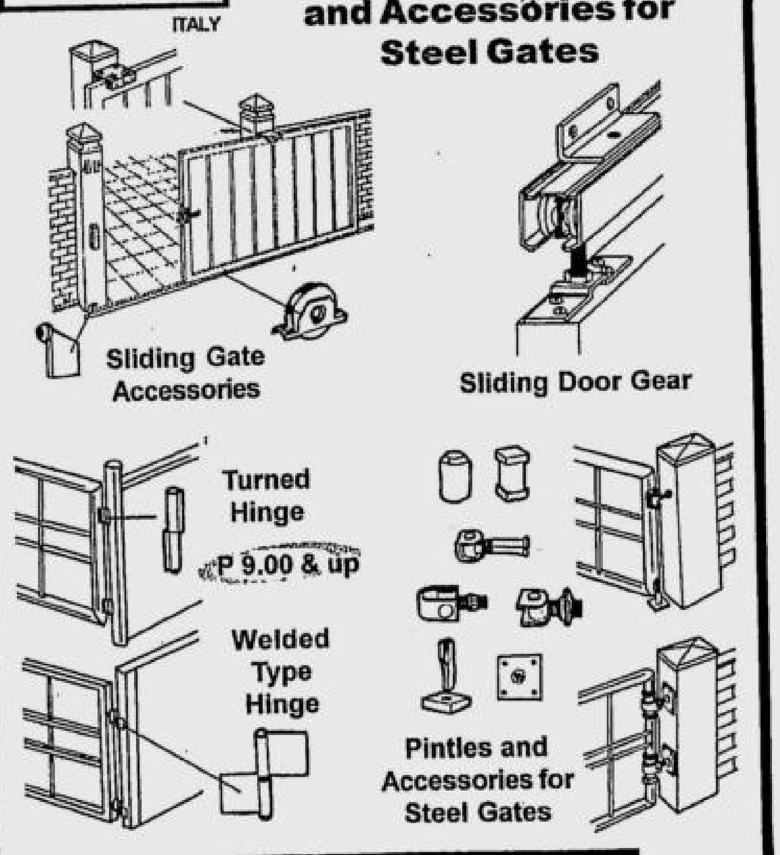

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Filipinos victims of racism in HK

HONG KONG—A litany of complaints about racism leveled against Hong Kong's Chinese residents has thrown the spotlight on the territory's reputation as a freewheeling cosmopolitan city.

Complaints to the equal opportunity commission (EOC) have soared alarmingly and activists pushing the government into passing anti-discrimination laws have found a fresh voice.

"It's only the tip of the iceberg. In the year 2000 there were more than double the total number of complaints than from the previous three years combined," EOC chairperson Anna Wu Hung-yuk.

Allegations were made by Filipinos, Indians, Indonesians, Caucasians and Africans. But a large number of complainants were mainland Chinese.

Their grievances range from the outrageously blatant with violent acts leading to jail terms, to the more subtle where racism could be confused with bad behavior.

Wu insists complaints are genuine, adding the definition of racism as adopted by the United Nations and the Hong Kong government is implicit.

However, UN covenants do not always translate into laws.

In 1992 the British colonial administration initiated a Bill of Rights that denounced racism but only in the public sector.

Wu said herein lies the problem as the Bill of Rights does not cover private citizens and breaches the UN International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

The government maintains racism is not a significant problem and has balked at including race within the EOC's mandate which is restricted to covering discrimination associated with gender, disability and family status.

Mainland Chinese complain their salaries are lower than those of local Chinese. Similar complaints are made by native English teachers.

Indians say they are overcharged for rent, landlords are reluctant to lease apartments to them, they have to pay more in the city's bars and have problems in finding schools for their children.

"There's enough international consensus to define what constitutes racism for domestic laws," Wu said. "Hong Kong should know better, we had 100 years of colonialism."

In Hong Kong's defense, Home Affairs Bureau spokesman John Dean said the territory had no history of race campaigns, pointing out that there were no race hate websites.

But a string of high profile cases suggests a nastier side of racism does exist with the worst treatment meted out to Philippine domestic helpers who number 180,000 and rate among the lowest on the territory's social ladder.

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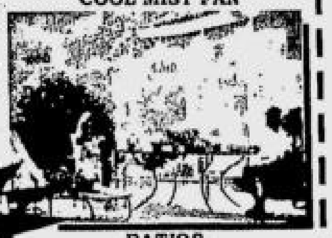

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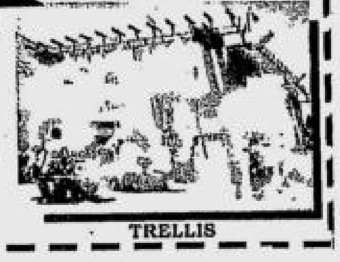

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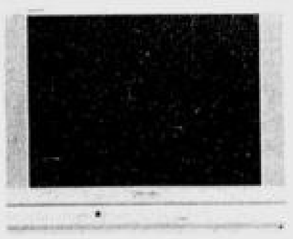

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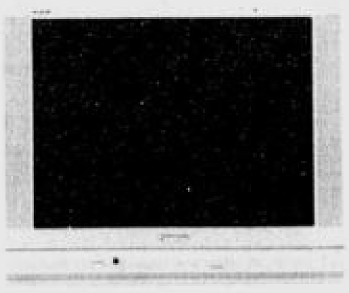

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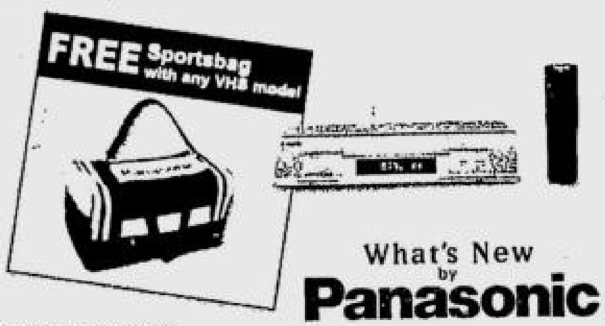

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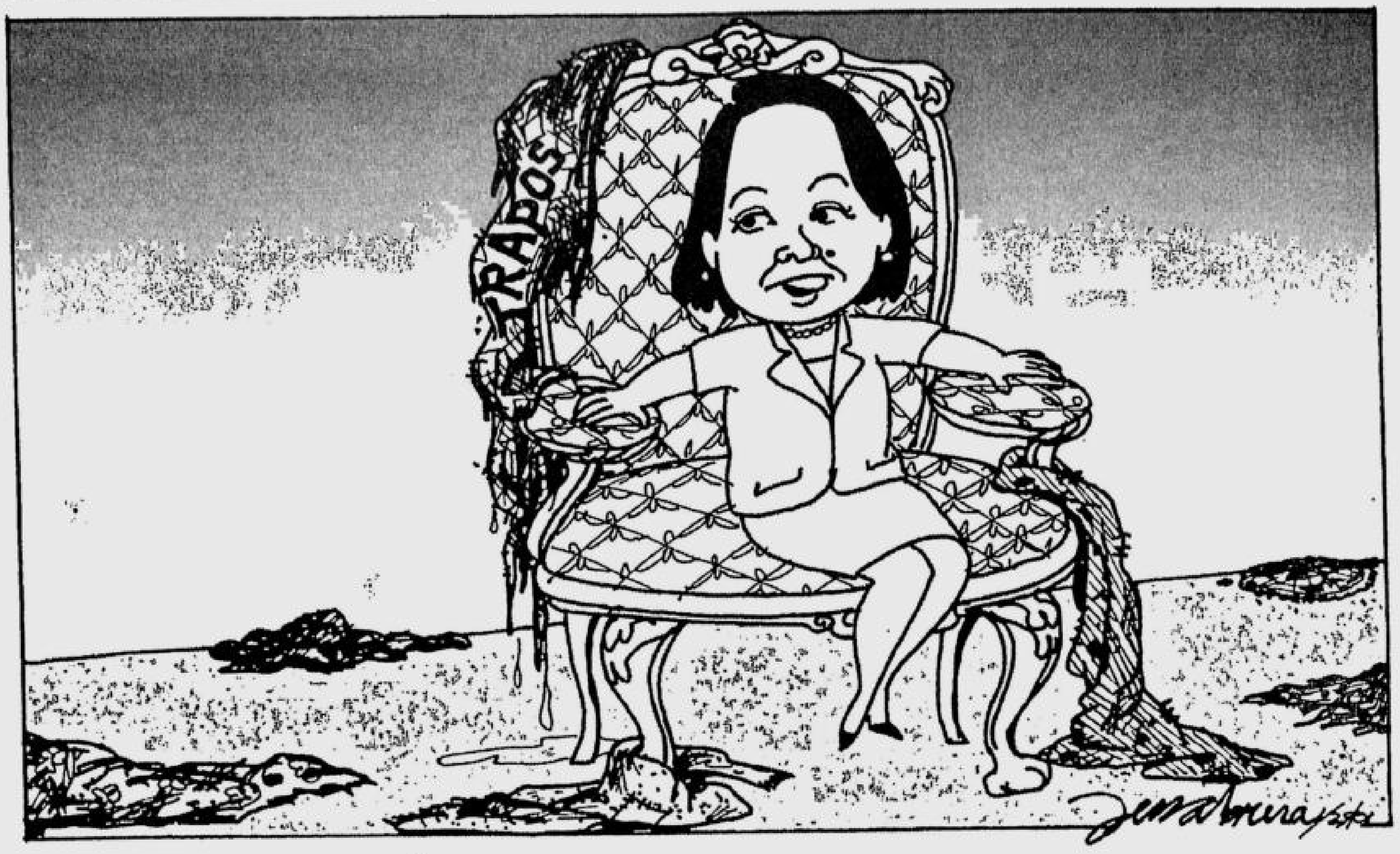

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EDITORIAL

AFTER THE TUMULT and the triumph, the credit-grabbing has begun, the most earnest the past week being that of the generals. For now, anyway, they have reverted to being the officers and gentlemen we devoutly hope our military leaders to be. The warring generals have come together to give credit where rightly due: To the people belong the victory at Edsa.

The same back and forth on who should get the bulk of the praise and recognition happened in the aftermath of People Power 1. With a difference. The failed military rebellion against Marcos was saved by the support of civilians personified by Cory Aquino. Which fact became unacceptable to the military as embodied by then Defense Secretary Juan Ponce Enrile once the objective was achieved: the Marcos ouster. Hence, the attempts with clockwork regularity to seize power by the usual suspects from Aquino throughout her administration.

This time around, the people themselves originated, organized, funded, sustained and inspired People Power 2. The Armed Forces stood by the wayside as an observer. It only acted in concert with the people once it became clear that the decline of its commander in chief was irreversible. A catalyst in the first instance, the AFP was a near catastrophe in the second until it acted toward the end game. The people led the way; the AFP was left with no recourse but to follow. The people's role in the ouster of Estrada is indisputable.

The conflicting stories of the generals come across like attempts to control damage to the AFP as an institution mandated by the Constitution as a protector of the people. The stories differ but they mean the same thing: that when the crisis began, the AFP was really there for the people. But it held out for the right timing.

The story of Marine Lt. Gen. Edgardo Espinosa as confirmed by retired Gen. Fortunato Abat tells of recruiting troops from the northern and the southern commands who were set to march on Edsa with tanks and battle-ready Marines to announce their withdrawal of support from Estrada. The Espinosa plan was to be executed on Saturday, Jan. 20.

But early Friday afternoon, Jan. 19, AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Angelo Reyes and Defense Secretary Orlando Mercado went to Edsa to the approving roar of the crowd.

Abat surmised that Reyes must have known about Espinosa's scheduled defection "as a lot of people already knew about it." Of course, how could Reyes not know? Abat and other retired generals like Renato de Villa, Leo Alvez and Voltaire Gazmin had been meeting regularly with Reyes to persuade him to turn his back on Estrada. One of them was bound to leak the Espinosa scenario. Espinosa himself had briefed De Villa about his plan. A colonel, who was part of the Espinosa plot, told the INQUIRER that De Villa alerted Reyes about Espinosa.

Reyes had no choice but to defect "at the last minute" because he no longer had the support of his men, Espinosa snorted at a meeting called by the Council of Philippine Affairs for no other purpose, it seemed, than to air the general's gripes.

Espinosa's meaning was that Reyes upstaged him when he had reportedly been planning his moves against Estrada as early as last September. By mid-December when the impeachment trial was in progress, Espinosa was ready to make the move but was prevailed upon to postpone it.

By telling his story, he was also saying that even if Reyes stuck to Estrada, it would be all right as he, Espinosa, was going to be the military component of the civilian uprising.

Not true, the Reyes defenders in the military said. All commanders were in constant touch with Reyes. He had full control of the Armed Forces. All along, he was aware of Espinosa's activities including trying to recruit two Marine battalions who spurned him. Espinosa could not have gone to Edsa with an armed force. He had no combat units to speak of being only the commandant of an AFP school, the Joint Command and Staff College.

Alvez himself supported the Reyes story in the strongest terms. Had the Espinosa group attacked Camp Aguinaldo, Alvez said, the troops were ready to defend Reyes. "They would have been pulverized."

Abat, Alvez and other military men close to former President Ramos, were working on Reyes' defection. Might they have used an unwitting Espinosa to bear pressure on Reyes? They made sure that Reyes was informed every step of the way of Espinosa's supposedly secret plot to force him to act fast. Why allow a subordinate to have the guts, get the glory?

The end result of the clashing stories, portrays a military prepared to come to the aid of the people when it became imperative. Whichever version is believed, the AFP comes out looking like a winner.

GMA recycling human garbage

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

"WE will recycle the garbage."

When a supporter of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo said this to me, I thought he was referring to the mounds of garbage scattered all over Metro Manila. Little did I know that he meant human garbage. Ms Macapagal is recycling the hordes of *trapos* that the people discarded during the Aquino and Ramos regimes by appointing them to her administration.

Indeed, the Macapagal administration is fast becoming the Smokey Mountain or Payatas of Philippine bureaucracy, overflowing with disgusting human detritus. With very few exceptions, the Macapagal Cabinet is composed of politicians of the most opportunistic and detestable kind. She said she wants young people in her administration. But except for Rep. Michael Defensor and a pitifully few others, she has appointed retired generals and old politicians. It seems she is appointing people not on the basis of who can serve the people best but on who can deliver most votes in the May elections.

She has created a "search committee" headed by former Civil Service Commissioner Pat Sto. Tomas, but she and the members of her committee are reported to be disappointed because Ms Macapagal is disregarding the candidates they have recommended after much searching and checking of their abilities and backgrounds. Instead, she has been appointing *trapos* and generals without checking their backgrounds but merely on the say-so of their patrons.

The appointments of retired Gen. Lisandro Abadia as national security adviser and Police Director General Leandro Mendoza are cases in point. How can she not know that Abadia has pending corruption charges against him, having misspent the pension funds of soldiers, when they were all over the press not so long ago? Abadia must have had a very powerful backer that Ms Macapagal was forced to appoint him—most likely against her better judgment.

As for Mendoza, he has been accused by no less than an anti-crime watchdog group of shielding the suspected killer of the husband of the group's leader, Carina Agarao. How can the people trust the PNP when they know that its chief is in league with criminals? she cried.

To err is human. Everybody makes mistakes. Ms Macapagal has committed mistakes in her appointments. But forgiving her would be divine only if she corrects those mistakes. She should withdraw the appointments of Abadia and Mendoza, as two organizations who had supported moves against Erap have asked.

As for Abadia and Mendoza, they should not make it hard for the President. They should voluntarily give up their appointments like real gentlemen should. Abadia doesn't need a job. He retired with the generous pension of a chief of staff; he has his subdivision in Antipolo, what more does he want? You can't take it with you. That is why the AFP has a retirement system, so soldiers can retire gracefully and comfortably and enjoy their remaining years. So enjoy your life with your family; your grandchildren need you; enjoy them.

Hanging on would only give Abadia and Mendoza the most painful and embarrassing moments of their lives when they face the Commission on Appointments. Remember that the Senate is controlled by the pro-Erap opposition. The two would go through the wringer when they undergo confirmation hearings. It would be more humiliating to be rejected by the Commission on Appointments than to quit now like true gentlemen.

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They are still debating who is the real President of the Philippines, Macapagal or Estrada. They're all wrong. It is neither Macapagal nor Estrada. The real President is, tah dah…Fidel V. Ramos. Ms Macapagal is just a dummy President. And it is Ramos who is pulling the strings behind the screen. It is not far-fetched that he is the patron (and partner) of Abadia.

Some people suspect that Ms Macapagal is a hostage, like the Russian czarina was a hostage of Rasputin. When you hear Ms Macapagal making pronouncements or signing appointment papers, that's probably not her but the Filipino Rasputin. Maybe she is not free to do what she wants.

How can she when she is surrounded by Ramos men? Two of her closest assistants, the executive secretary, called the little president, and her chief of staff are Ramos men. Gen. Renato de Villa is a former comrade in arms, a former chief of staff and defense secretary. Renato Corona is a former presidential legal adviser of Ramos. Ms Macapagal cannot do anything official without the two of them knowing and reporting to you-know-who.

And how many generals are there in the Macapagal administration? Count them. When you finish counting, it would look like we are being run by a military junta and not by a civilian government.

There should be another Resign Movement. Not a Gloria Resign Movement—not yet. But a Resign Trapos and Generals Movement.

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HERE'S a Gloria joke:

Renato de Villa's days as executive secretary are numbered. President Macapagal has decided to abolish the position.

"I don't need a Little President," she said. "That's me."

Revamp the vision, not the men

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

I MYSELF am monumentally dismayed that the Left has no representative in the new administration. You may not agree with their views of life and death—I don't—but if gratitude were the fundamental criterion for appointing people, Satur Ocampo, Popoy Lagman, Teddy Casiño, Nathaniel Santiago, et al. ought by now to be handling important portfolios. Long before Copa and Pagbabago were a glimmer in the mind of Zeus, they were there, openly defying the new tyranny. That is by no means just a figure of speech.

Lagman, as far as I know, was the first one to stand up before Erap and tell him to his face that he agreed completely with his desire to bring peace and harmony to labor-capital relations, and the best way to do that was to put criminals like Lucio Tan behind bars. This was Labor Day a couple of years ago, during the height of the labor problem at PAL, when the labor leaders were invited to Malacañang. That was real *cojones*. I don't know that I'd have been able to do that notwithstanding that I kept calling for Erap to be impeached long before it became safe—or less a cause for mirth—to do so.

And of course too I am monumentally dismayed by many of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's appointees. I know Joey Lina and have no beef with him personally. But I don't know why he should be the interior secretary when there are more deserving candidates, people whose contributions to life go beyond quoting the Scriptures at Edsa. I understand Kompil 2's recommendation was Jesse Robredo. I can't think of a better person for the job. Robredo was the Ramon Magsaysay Awardee for Government last year, and he won it precisely for showing the world what unparalleled heights local government could reach. You must be blind, or beholden—two words for the same thing—not to see talent, or deservedness, when it stares you in the face.

And can anything be more patently unjust than Dick Gordon being appointed tourism secretary? His nickname says it all. What did this fellow do to advance the struggle against Erap? All he did was try to defend his personal fiefdom—or so he took Subic to be—from being taken over by Felicito Payumo, and bawled (literally, before the cameras) when he failed, like a kid whose candy had been snatched away. *Naglupasay*, as Tagalog so wonderfully puts it.

Gemma Cruz-Araneta at least had the right idea when she suggested that it was time Philippine tourism came to mean rich heritage and colorful tradition rather than rich beaches and colorful women (or men). A country's greatest wealth, and tourist attraction, is the lay of its life, its history and its culture, and not the lay of its land, or worse the lay in its hay. That's what draws in the hordes of tourists in other countries. Of course why Araneta thought it helped local culture and history, heritage and tradition, to build high-rises in Intramuros or allow Star Bucks to nestle in one of its walls, only she can say. By why should Gordon, the fellow who has made a career of selling Philippine territory—and sovereignty, which he said we could not eat—to foreigners do a better job? Unless that is the job description for tourism secretary: *magbebenta ng bayan, pira-piraso*.

But while at this, what is Peping Cojuangco complaining about? He says he hasn't been given proper thanks for persuading Chavit Singson to talk and for financing People Power 2. Well, it's not merely that if he wants gratitude he should fall in line as this country owes a lot more people than him. It's also that if it weren't for him and Cory's other *kamaganaks*, we wouldn't have produced an Erap and needed to mount people power again. He's not being reviled, that's gratitude enough. Haven't you people been sated? *Maawa naman kayo sa bayan*.

Of course I am dismayed by Macapagal's appointments, but in the end not terribly unduly so. The reason for this is that I am more concerned about her vision or direction rather than her appointments. A long time ago, I wrote a column in reaction to the endless revamps that were taking place in Cory's administration called, "Revamp the vision, not the men." My point was that you could keep putting in and removing people all you want, but if your vision sucks, none of it will make a difference. Or it would make a difference only in making things worse. Putting good people to carry out a bad task, putting decent people to carry out an indecent task, or putting progressive people to carry out a reactionary task, is merely conscripting talent in aid of mediocrity, conscripting rebels in aid of counterrevolution. That was true then, it is true now.

It is a fallacy to think that if you put in good people in a bad government, government will naturally change for the good. If experience is anything to go by, you put in good people in a bad government and the good people will naturally change for the bad. I've seen it happen so many times, the last time with my friends in the Erap administration. They too started out with the best of intentions and ended up with the worst of contentions. Namely, that they could not resign because they represented the last vestige of reform in a vile government. Is it so hard to imagine Alex Magno and company saying at some point they cannot resign from Macapagal's Cabinet because they represent the last vestige of conscience in a conscience-less government? Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. But that happened to Magno long ago.

The critical element is not Macapagal's appointments, it is Macapagal herself. Arguably, her appointees stand to influence her vision too. But only to a point. She it is ultimately who will spell out the thrust of her administration, the trajectory of her administration, the tasks of her administration. Which is not a comfortable thought. It is not only that her instincts go the way of false globalization—the kind that made the rich richer and the poor poorer in Ramos' time—it is also that she is heart-and-soul beholden to Corazon Aquino, the former president who vowed reform but could not even land-reform her own estate. Macapagal wants to show she means business, that is the first thing she should do: Cut up Hacienda Luisita. Or else all she will show is that she means business by having business as usual.

I'm not knocking the vigilance of groups like Pagbabago in scrutinizing Macapagal's appointments. But I prefer to trust the vigilance of the public in scrutinizing Macapagal herself. That ultimately is what will spell the difference between success and failure, hope and illusion, progress and backwardness for this country.

Then as now, revamp the vision, not the men.

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Guingona deserves to be vice president

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

IF the reports are true that the choice of Vice President has narrowed down to a race between two Mindanaoans, Minority Leader Tito Guingona and Senate President Nene Pimentel, I'd bat for Guingona. As I had earlier stated, Guingona has consistently been with the opposition, which has now (predictably) become the new majority in Congress. He played the role of opposition to Estrada at a time when Pimentel was still closely allied with Estrada.

As noted here and elsewhere, Guingona called for Estrada's resignation as early as April last year, and his was a solitary voice when buttering up to Erap was *de rigueur*. Tito has a well-rounded experience in both the executive and legislative departments and can ably represent the President abroad. From the political standpoint, unlike many politicians he has no king-size ego and won't seek to upstage President Macapagal; instead he will be a steady pillar of support. Besides, at this time I imagine that he would happily consider the vice presidency the apex of his political career, unlike others who could possibly be threats to Ms Macapagal in the future. The vice presidency is something Guingona would richly deserve.

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Pimentel is a dear friend whose career I had actively covered since he was mayor of Cagayan de Oro. We worked together in the anti-Bataan nuke plant effort in the twilight years of Marcos, and I have admired his courage in many instances over the years. But frankly, during the Estrada years he was difficult to fathom. During the impeachment trial which I covered assiduously every day in the Senate, I was not alone in the feeling that he was leaning too much toward Estrada.

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To this day the Senate chief has to explain how come the Jericho March was violently stopped in front of the Senate. Cory Aquino, Ms Macapagal and other leaders were harassed and a frantic SOS had to be dispatched to Senators Guingona and Frank Drilon, who had to come down to "rescue" them. Both Pimentel and his better half, Bing, also did not care to disguise their feeling that the anti-Erap rallies were useless and extremely counterproductive. They couldn't see that those rallies helped strengthen the resolve of the anti-Erap senators in the face of all kinds of enticements.

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After the Christmas holidays many of us Senate gallery veterans sensed a welcome change in Pimentel; he began to sound more enlightened. I suspect that this came about after prosecutor Joker Arroyo gave him the staggering lowdown on the Estrada bank accounts last Jan. 1 at the former's Marikina residence. It was a glorious moment when he resigned from his post in protest over the second envelope's suppression, but between the two of them I feel that Guingona deserves the VP post.

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There are several new appointments that are quite laudable. It's good to welcome Mar Roxas into the trade department once again, after a long hibernation (*nasaan ka ba* all this time, Mar?). This good feeling over his return is shared by most people. There's also Finance Secretary Ben Romulo, who had kept the faith all this time. Romulo is the *balae* of Dr. Loi Ejercito's powerful chief of staff, Justa Rustia Tantoco, his daughter Monserrat being married to her son Sander Tantoco. But even without this connection Romulo could have easily landed a plum job with the Erap administration, as it had been trying to entice him into joining it from the start. But he chose not to because he did not care to. In our age of opportunism, that was being principled.

Another is new PMS Chief Vicky Garchitorena, a respected technocrat who left a juicy job as president of Ayala Foundation to join the government. It must have been some effort for her to do so. I'm sure under Garchitorena the PMS would be returned to the technocrats once again, which is most welcome. We all recall how the Dragon Lady had used that post for her power ego-tripping.

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The charge that the new Cabinet is dominated by "Ramos boys" may not be all that accurate. As far as I can see, the only real "Ramos boys" appointed are Tourism Secretary Dick Gordon; Budget Secretary Emilia Boncodin; Presidential Assistant for Rural Development Paul Dominguez, who used to be FVR's point man in Mindanao; lawyer Jess Dureza, who succeeded Dominguez and now is assistant for Eastern Mindanao, and a few others in the secondary level. Executive Secretary Rene de Villa, who served with FVR for a long while, cannot be considered a Ramos boy inasmuch as FVR didn't back him up for the 1998 presidential campaign. To my mind, De Villa is more of a "Cory man."

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Another good appointment is Laguna Gov. Joey Lina to the DILG. As an Erap ally, Joey was president of the League of Governors; but when the time came to part ways with Erap over principles, he didn't waver; in fact, he was one of the earliest local officials to break away, despite the fact that he faces a third gubernatorial term this May. At that time it looked like political suicide, but that's Lina—*bayan muna*, unlike the many *seguristas* in our midst. After he broke away, Estrada called the local LAMP politicians and gave orders to ensure that Lina would be beaten in the coming elections; but the local politicians told Estrada no one wanted to run against the governor, because they felt they couldn't defeat him. During Edsa Dos, Lina played a heroic part keeping the throngs awake with his powerhouse speeches.

I also laud the return of former BID Chief Andrea Domingo, who was Miriam's real work-horse. Domingo is hard-working, honest and no-nonsense and enjoys a pipeline to her *kabalen* from Lubao, GMA, whose support she needs to clean up the BID thoroughly.

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Estrada star defense lawyer Estelito Mendoza wrote me a letter in response to an item here which said that Danding Cojuangco was pulling the strings in Malacañang through his trusted man, Ramon Ang. One indication was that Ang sat in the defense panel's meetings up to the end. I also cited reports buzzing around prior to Estrada's fall that Mendoza withdrew large amounts from Allied Bank for himself and his celebrity client. He said, however, that he has no knowledge of any such Estrada account in Allied Bank and that in any case, he has no authority to withdraw any amount of money from such account. "As to my own banking accounts, I regret that I cannot oblige with a discussion of my banking transactions. Just like you, I am not a government functionary," Mendoza said.

Estrada's lawyer also stated that "my acting as counsel in the impeachment case was a purely professional engagement. I did not accept the engagement at the behest of Mr. Cojuangco and the engagement may now be deemed concluded because of the recent political events in our country."

Business as usual at PDI for GMA

READERS' ADVOCATE

Raul J. Palabrica

THE CORRECT way to refer to President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo in news reports and columns was the subject of numerous letters last week from newspaper readers.

Representative of these letters is that written by Oscar Reveche which reads: "We have been through with fictitious names and aliases like Joseph Estrada (who should have been Ejercito) Asiong Salonga, Jose Velarde, etc. Now, the INQUIRER is starting to call President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo President Macapagal (omitting the Arroyo), thus starting another cycle of name-calling.

"We should call the lady President Macapagal-Arroyo, or if that is too long to print, President Arroyo. The President is legally married to an Arroyo, so address her by that name."

I checked with the senior editors the reason why the newspaper uses "Ms Macapagal" in its subsequent references to her in the body of the news. It turns out that sometime in 1995, when then Sen. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo was running for reelection, she wrote a letter to the INQUIRER requesting that her maiden, rather than her married, name be used in the reports.

She did not give any reason for the request but it can only be surmised that the popularity or name recall of "Macapagal" would work to her advantage during the campaign. Apparently, the name Macapagal carried a certain magic as she topped the 1995 senatorial elections.

Although the President has not expressed any preference as to how she wants be addressed, the editors said the newspaper will continue using "Ms Macapagal" in its subsequent references to her in the news reports.

Not only will this be consistent with the existing practice, but it will also avoid confusion with the other Arroyo (Rep. Joker Arroyo) who often figures in the news with his colorful language and irreverent comments.

On the question of why "Ms" and not "Mrs." is used with a married woman's name, it is in keeping with the internationally accepted rules in journalism on the correct way to describe a female person.

"Ms" is considered a neutral description of a woman. It does not make any distinction as to her civil status, whether married or single. She is addressed as a woman with an identity of her own and without regard to her relationship, or lack of, with a man. Eat your heart out, male chauvinist pigs!

Honeymoon

A reader asked if the INQUIRER will give President Macapagal a "honeymoon" treatment similar to what some newspapers do in the United States where they refrain, for 100 days, from printing derogatory news about the new administration.

The honeymoon is supposedly aimed at giving the new chief executive the opportunity to put his or her administration in order without having to contend with criticisms from the media. After the honeymoon, it's back to the usual adversarial relationship between the government and the Fourth Estate.

I brought the query to the attention of the senior editors during last Monday's regular editorial assessment meeting. Also, I wanted to ask why former Presidents Cory Aquino and Fidel Ramos were given a honeymoon but recently deposed President Estrada was not.

The discussion on this subject brought out some interesting tidbits. It's true Cory Aquino enjoyed a brief interlude of good relations with the media shortly after she came into power. This may be attributed to the fact that the country had just gotten out of more than 14 years of repressive rule by President Marcos and the press felt a certain sense of gratitude to Aquino for leading the fight for the restoration of democracy.

Consistent with the Filipino *utang na loob* trait, most newspaper editors, the INQUIRER included, exercised self-restraint in the publication of news that might destabilize her administration or prevent her from fulfilling her promises to the nation.

After that honeymoon, which barely lasted a month, the INQUIRER reported the events as they happened, exposed irregularities as they were uncovered and acted in a manner expected of responsible and independent journalists.

Peeved by the INQUIRER's and other media outlets' criticisms about her administration, Aquino blurted in disgust once that she "regretted having restored press freedom." To her credit, however, she did not do anything to cripple the media or use economic pressure to force the press and broadcast people to toe her administration's line.

No honeymoon was given by the INQUIRER to Ramos when he took over Aquino in 1992. No quarter was asked or given in reporting the good and bad sides of El Tabaco. The special report on his special relations with socialite Rosemarie "Baby" Arenas raised his blood pressure but he managed to keep his cool and maintain the dignity of his office.

Although hurting inside, Ramos was all smiles whenever he greeted the INQUIRER editors on the few occasions they bumped into each other in social or official functions.

Erap's revenge

The INQUIRER's relations with the country's 13th president was stormy from start to finish. At the height of the 1998 presidential campaign, Estrada took offense at the newspaper's ANYBODY BUT ERAP headline that highlighted the Roman Catholic Church's opposition to his election.

Later, when Estrada had assumed the presidency, the news reports about Jude Estrada's use of the presidential plane to go to Cagayan de Oro City for a two-day "gimmick" and non-payment of hotel bills all the more fueled the ousted president's dislike for the INQUIRER.

Several weeks later, Estrada's factotums in the movie industry led an advertisement boycott of the newspaper. The rest is history. The boycott failed to accomplish its objective and Estrada was dismissed from office by people power.

With regard to the Macapagal administration, the senior editors believe there is no reason for the newspaper to act differently. If the honeymoon is aimed at suppressing ugly, but truthful, news about her administration, or preventing the people from knowing what they are entitled to know about the way she is running the government, then no honeymoon can be expected from the INQUIRER.

The senior editors gave the assurance that they will report and publish the news as they happen, good or bad for the present administration, and regardless of who gets hurt in the process.

The INQUIRER will neither be pro-Macapagal nor anti-Macapagal. It will be business as usual for the newspaper for this and succeeding administrations.

Apology.

Last Jan. 23, a cartoon appeared at the front-page of the newspaper with the words "*wag lang artista, dancer, luka-luka, bading at basketbolista.*" It was an obvious reference to some of the 11 eleven senators who voted against revealing the contents of the second envelope submitted by Equitable PCI Bank.

The caricature drew a strong protest from members of the gay and lesbian community in the country for promoting homophobia and discrimination against members of the third sex.

Upon being informed of these complaints, the editor in chief explained that there was no intention to put gays and lesbians in a bad light. The "*bading*" referred to in the news was meant to be a dig at one of the 11 senators. She explained that some of her best friends are gays.

The INQUIRER apologizes to the gays and lesbians for whatever anguish or embarrassment they may have suffered because of the cartoon.

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Eruption of hope

LETTER FROM MINDANAO

Carolyn O. Arguillas

IT seemed ages since the 11-10 vote in the Senate impeachment court.

Erap is out, Gloria is in, there are new and old faces in the Cabinet, Mike Toledo and Ernie Maceda are no longer on TV mouthing tortured explanations, the peso has strengthened a bit against the dollar, the stock brokers are happy.

The TV is no longer as appealing as it was when we eagerly awaited 2 p.m., Monday to Friday, expecting more bombshells and wondering what Miriam and Johnny, Sonny and Tessie were up to.

Even the text jokes are now few and far between. And it's only 13 days since the 11-10 vote.

So Erap is gone. Then what?

In "victory parties" across the nation and among e-groups in cyberspace, the focus has shifted from "Erap resign" to preserving the gains of People Power 2.

For refugees staying in cramped evacuation centers or relatives' houses in Marawi City since Erap waged his "all-out war" in March, the first questions asked when Erap fled Malacañang was: "Can we now go home?" and "Does this mean government will not wage war anymore?"

For many, getting rid of Erap meant getting rid of a corrupt leader who disgraced us all.

For Mindanaoans, it meant more. It meant getting rid of a leader who presided over a "hate campaign" against Muslims. Never has the Filipino Muslim felt so marginalized, "hated," persecuted, endangered, than under Erap's 935 days.

Oh, the Abu Sayyaf terrorists did help bring about this hatred, too, but instead of making a distinction, Erap the President, made sweeping conclusions, as if all Muslims were terrorists. "*Hindi naman natin kalahi ang mga 'yan,*" he once said.

Erap should be prosecuted and jailed for all his crimes, including, as some Moro groups are saying, his "war crimes" in Mindanao.

It is not easy to forgive Erap for the displacement of nearly a million Mindanaoans; the death of at least 300 children and elderly in evacuation centers; the death of combatants—all Filipinos—out there in the battlefields; for sowing disunity among Muslims and Christians; for the "social genocide"—the systematic stripping of the Moro's dignity as a people; and yes, for making Moro women, including my professor-friends, hide their veils to avoid being unduly delayed in checkpoints along the road or the main entrances of groceries and malls. (In Manila, Moro women wearing veils complained taxi drivers would not stop for them.)

Oh sure, it certainly did not help that some Moro leaders clung to Erap like leeches, the violence he has done on their people, notwithstanding. May Allah forgive them.

Ousting Erap ushered in what a friend called an "eruption of hope" that, among others, the conflict in Mindanao would be settled not through bombs and bullets but through peace negotiations.

President Macapagal has announced the "reconstruction" of the peace process. She elicited laughter Thursday when in the middle of a press conference, she was on the phone, saying, "'Hello, Spine, are you staging a coup against me?" But there was something more to the "cute" points scored there. For 935 days, we were subjected to the violence of gutter language and the macho stance of Erap.

"Hello, Spine" sounded so different from "If they want war, we'll give them war" or "Over my dead body," or "*Pupulutin kayo sa kangkungan.*"

For Fr. Bert Layson, head of the parish disaster response team in Pikit, North Cotabato, Erap's ouster made him "feel a new beginning, a breath of fresh air. I already smell gunpowder. At least the Berdugo of Mindanao is gone. The peace process can be put back on track again and there will be no more wars and displacements of people. Our evacuees could now return to their villages."

For Fr. Jonathan Domingo, parish priest of Pikit, it is hope that "the all-out war policy will be lifted, the peace process reconstructed and the policy shifts to address centuries-old problems of Mindanao."

For Baicon Macaraya, a volunteer assisting the evacuees in Marawi, Erap's ouster is "a 50 percent realization of the justice that the Muslims have been praying for, for all the evil deeds he has done to us."

For Irene Santiago of the Mindanao Council of Women Leaders, "it's a rejection of bogus leadership, one that emanates from empty slogans and cynical manipulation of the *masa*. Mindanaoans want public leaders who are decent and sincere, with the capacity to unite all Filipinos toward a common vision. Erap divided us just to rescue his sinking popularity. Mindanaoans should never allow leaders to manipulate us again."

The President has not declared a ceasefire. This and the mediation of the Organization of Islamic Conference which passed a resolution in November giving government up to end of March to fully implement the 1996 peace pact, are supposed to be tackled during a "high-level" meeting this week.

Ms Macapagal did fulfill a promise to name Mindanaoans in the Cabinet—Paul Dominguez as presidential adviser on regional development; Maguindanao Rep. Simeon Datumanong for DPWH; and Davao del Norte Rep. Pantaleon Alvarez for DOTC.

Named presidential adviser for Southern Mindanao and acting chair of the Mindanao Economic Development Council was Jesus Dureza who has been tasked to assess the situation of the evacuees and the rehabilitation efforts. (Methinks Nur Misuari should have been named special envoy to the Islamic nations.)

But more than the Cabinet membership, what should worry Mindanaoans is: who will compose the government peace panel that will negotiate a "final, political solution?"

Who comprise the "search committee" for the panel membership and what is their criteria for selection? Has the committee consulted sectors in Mindanao?

"Reconstructing" the peace process isn't going to be easy. Resuming the peace talks with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front is not the only task for the Macapagal administration. It has an obligation to implement the 1996 peace pact with the Moro National Liberation Front.

How to come up with a formula that would address the demands of both groups and the other stakeholders in Mindanao so a "final, political settlement" can be had, may have to require the mediation of the OIC. But more importantly, it requires the involvement of all sectors in Mindanao.

After all, People Power 2 is not just about ousting Presidents. It is also ensuring the bloodletting in Mindanao ends.

A self-slain Senate, a derelict ombudsman

COMMENTARY

Dean Jorge Bocobo

NENE Pimentel, was the first to mourn its passing when he resigned the Senate presidency after casting the 10th, futile vote to open that second envelope. He did not wish to lead a "tainted institution." I hope he will be vice president. His simple, symbolic act endures in the record, to forever refute the rationalizations of the conspirators. His was a stinging rebuke against the majority that assassinated the Senate with 11 dagger blows of treachery to its noble tradition of upholding justice and the truth. The Senate lies slain by its own hands.

Andres Narvasa's ludicrous opening statement insinuating that the impeachment trial was an assassination of Erap as Julius Caesar only foreshadowed what was actually to be. Those 11 senators murdered the Senate itself, which will look like a smaller House of Representatives, just as corrupt, merchantable, inutile and untrustworthy. It is dead and buried for now. It may take more than the next elections to resurrect it.

The forensic investigations into the events of Jan. 16 will continue for some time because of the enormity of its implications. The credibility of the Senate, which is the wellspring of its legitimacy, has been shattered into a million shards. Those who stand accused of this heinous crime, JOE'S COHORTS (Jaworski, Oreta, Enrile, Santiago, Coseteng, Ople, Honasan, Osmeña John, Revilla, Tatad, Sotto), may forever deny their complicity in a conspiracy to obstruct justice. That is their right. But pleading and bleating their innocence to a disbelieving public, cannot undo the loss of stature and respect they have caused the institution itself.

Erstwhile Majority Leader Francisco Tatad, the hypocritical moralist with horse blinders on, was among the first to take the witness stand in his own defense. In a radio interview with Tina Monson Palma a week after that fatal vote, he disingenuously portrayed himself to be a lone gunman, saying he didn't know how the vote on the second envelope would turn out and there was no conspiracy. Yeah, right.

People power took care of Erap, but the job's not done. Many worry, and rightly so, that the legal task of criminal prosecution has fallen to Aniano Desierto, the ombudsman who seems to protect the corrupt by quickly absolving them. How can anyone sympathize with his publicized agony over investigating his friends in high places when that is precisely his job? Did he reveal why he has been so ineffective? Despite having many good people in his office who have been catching small fish, he has brought mainly disrepute to it by always letting the big ones go. Even the World Bank recognized the Ombudsman's impotence under Desierto by saying it would withhold assistance funds unless corruption could be reduced through a different anti-graft body. (Haydee Yorac, where are you?)

Desierto ought to resign or be impeached for dereliction of duty. With his dismal record, how can he be entrusted to prosecute Erap and his gang? Sixty days for preliminary negotiation, er, investigation? His work should be televised and his activities carefully monitored. Rumors of nocturnal visits by him to Polk Street should be verified. Nothing would be more tragic and demoralizing for this country than for him to frustrate the rule of law and fail again, by commission and omission, to honestly prosecute the plunderers of the nation.

The wider implication is that the entire government will be under the perpetual siege of its critics. People power can only grow as Filipinos are awakened to the suspicion that their government is not the omnipotent savior they have always hoped it would be. The apparent silence of the majority of Filipinos in the D and E classes will become a less secure refuge for scoundrels and demagogues. Advancing media and communications technologies will see to that, by wiring ordinary Filipinos together more effectively and busting the traditional opaqueness of government.

The meaning of people power is that Filipinos are no longer a stupid flock of sheep, blindly trusting the government as a benevolent shepherd. The Erap era has made us realize government's potential to be a vast criminal enterprise. Distrust of government is at an all-time high. All its institutions are damaged. This is why the new administration will not be enjoying much of a honeymoon. The cycle of new leader to disenchantment to replacement by people power, could be devastatingly foreshortened and repeated, if government leaders fail in delivering on their promises. Government's fate lies more in performance and less in personality, a warning to the ebullient new administration.

The presidency and national government will not be the only target of the people's scrutiny and vigilance. Issues such as the quality of mayors and councilors, are all fair game in the emerging era of an empowered citizenry.

Alfredo Lim was a big disappointment to his supporters because of his abject failure to properly investigate the issue of Erap's mansions. By doing nothing at all but pass it on to the NBI, he shamelessly trampled on his motto, "Justice for all or none at all," which now lies in tatters, along with his reputation. Lim deserves to lose the election and if he has any honor left in him, he should retire to AM radio. The City of Manila would be far better served by someone else.

Jejomar Binay was an atrocious failure as MMDA chair. I cannot think of a single accomplishment he could brag about in his bid to return as Makati mayor. That seat, his wife has been keeping warm for him in a cynical sabotage of the law banning political dynasties. Binay deserves to be thrown into the political garbage heap for not doing anything about such elementary problems as the proper collection and disposal of garbage, traffic and the environment in the capital region. As public servants, they are a public disgrace.

That ain't good enough

THUS far, dismay with President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo has developed within the more discerning ranks of the citizenry who ousted Erap and delivered the presidency on a silver platter to Ms Macapagal.

And the only mildly positive note her decisions have thus far struck, stems from her appointment of former Sen. Alberto Romulo and Sen. Raul Roco to the Cabinet. It quickly turned to dismay however due to successive jarring notes generated by what seems to be vintage Macapagal-type of decisions and pronouncements.

Firstly, it looks like she merely wants to reign like a queen over our military and police. For she does not have the aptitude nor inclination to rule over them as their commander in chief.

Erap and his allies and other enemies of Ms Macapagal have not given up! They are just biding their time for Macapagal's perceived weaknesses as a leader to take their own heavy toll in due time. In the meantime, his *balimbing* friends are silently working for a de facto immunity from suit for Erap and his cronies. For with their money and secret networks, as with Marcos loyalists after Edsa 1, their creative mendacity must never be underestimated.

Macapagal's public pronouncement last Monday at Malacañang that she is not striving to be a great president, but just a "good one," is but another dismaying vintage Macapagal classic. Trying to be merely "good" or okay *lang* in street lingo, will turn out to mean not just mediocrity, but corruptibility.

If our youth had followed such a call to ordinary mediocrity, they would not have heroically flooded the nation's streets by the hundreds of thousands with great perseverance! And Ms Macapagal would probably be in the *kangkungan* by now.

And here we are, barely a few days after being gratuitously and quickly granted a second Edsa victory, but the biggest beneficiary of that victory, who was given the greatest prize and opportunity for heroic service, returns the favor by refusing the call to greatness! She is publicly opting for a namby-pamby goody-goodiness as her example for a supposed return to more stringent moral standards.

Ms Macapagal must see by now that the moral and leadership standards she's talking about are not stringent at all, but plainly and simply mediocre! Haven't you ever heard of noblesse oblige? Yes, I am really afraid that a second Edsa betrayal is in the offing. And no wonder, suspicions are rife that Macapagal may turn out to be, wittingly or unwittingly, a mere puppet of Fidel Ramos and his cabal of retired and active military generals and opportunists.—**EDUARDO B. OLAGUER, Aurora Milestone Bldg., 1045 Aurora Blvd., Quezon City**

Pangasinan groups joined Erap Resign Movement

ERAP Agco La (Enough of Erap)! Has succeeded in mobilizing thousands of Pangasinenses to support people power which eventually led to former President Estrada's removal from office. We lament the fact that some individuals have begun to hog the limelight by appearing in news items projecting themselves as responsible for Pangasinan's Erap Resign Movement. We would like to set the record straight and thank those who fought from the very beginning, and even those who came in late to give their support.

First of all, we cannot help but marvel at God's intervention through the people's action which made peaceful change possible. Secondly, the consistent participation of the religious and lay organizations of Pangasinan which served as the backbone of our organization. We would also like to thank the support of various civic, non-government and cause-oriented organizations for once again mobilizing their forces for truth and justice.

Lastly, we thank the local officials and politicians for coming out and supporting the anti-Erap crusade. Though most of them gave their support when the outcome was inevitable, we nonetheless appreciate their gesture. We, however, caution them that the people have learned a valuable historical lesson and they must get their act together lest they incur the people's rage and suffer the same fate.

We welcome President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's assumption of office as a fresh hope for the people. We encourage her to promote good governance as the guiding principle of her administration.

We call on the people to remain vigilant and active. We should consolidate, preserve and protect our well-earned victory. The road to economic, political and moral recovery may be long and winding. But with people empowerment and divine guidance, as we have proven once again, only the best is possible.—**MOST REV. OSCAR V. CRUZ, archbishop, Lingayen-Dagupan Archdiocese and chair, Erap Agco La!; DELMER CRUZ, REV. FR. OLIVER MENDOZA, REV. FR. DENNY LUCAS, ALBERT BALINGIT, SR. AURORA SAMSON-REYNA, SR. ROSALYNDA DE VENECIA, ZENAIDA TORIO, M.D., RAFAEL BARAAN, ERMIN GARCIA JR.**

'Principled' stand unappreciated

IT'S funny how some of our senators could come up with the idea that they are the only ones who can think straight while the rest of the nation are imbeciles with the collective IQ equivalent to that of a paramecium's.

I almost threw up Saturday morning when I opened the papers to find the full-page advertisement of Sen. Francisco Tatad calling for Estrada's resignation. The "honorable" senator was obviously trying to redeem himself from his previous blunder. He was obviously trying to save his skin by burying the knife in his benefactor's back. The sad thing is that he wants the public to think that he is doing it for love of country. He seriously believes we are all stupid. It is either that or he is suffering from acute autism.

The silly thing is that he has complained to the press in his previous interview of the public's lack of appreciation for his "principled stand" which he says sparked Edsa 2 in the first place.

This is totally new to me. I have never thought that taking a "principled stand" meant obscuring the truth with legalistic technicalities. The same technicalities the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court earlier overruled. It was the height of pretentiousness that the Dirty Eleven voted as if they knew better than the Chief Justice himself. Not only was it pretentious, it was a mockery of everything the Senate ever stood for.

If "principled" meant voting against exposing the truth to public scrutiny, I would not want to be called a "principled man." Tatad et al., can take their "principles" and shove it up their posteriors.

What actually takes the cake is how the senator wants his vote appreciated which he says ultimately caused the rise of a new President. Well, thank you Senator Tatad and the rest of the Dirty Eleven. I thank you in behalf of the Filipino people who you think are so dense as to believe in your complex logic as well as your propaganda.

While I am at it, I would also like to thank Judas Escariot for betraying Jesus Christ.

Going by Tatad's logic, Judas was a hero who should be appreciated for ultimately causing our salvation.—**SONNY MAROON, Interisland Gas Bldg., Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong City**

Full accounting must be exacted

GOD must really love the Filipino people! In spite of ourselves, our nature of wanting to befriend the rich and the powerful even when we know they are corrupt, our high tolerance for corruption, our selfish attitude of not caring for the wrongs committed when these do not affect us personally, and our other character flaws, in spite of all these, God has once again given us another change, a fresh beginning.

A new era has dawned like a cool mountain breeze after a hot and windless night.

But where do we go from here? Will we repeat the mistakes we made after the 1986 People Power Revolution, which made Edsa 2 necessary? Will we as a people again forget the lessons of history, and therefore bind ourselves over to repeat it?

Because of our short memories and short sightedness, the Marcoses and Romualdezes managed to gain political ascendancy once more. Francisco Tatad, the face that announced the death of our freedom in 1972 became a senator. And so did the other loyal Marcos men. Gregorio Honasan led a coup against the administration of President Aquino, and we rewarded him with a Senate seat. And of course, we elected Joseph Ejercito Estrada as President.

Doesn't it sound stupid that no Marcos or Romualdez ever went to jail in spite of the plunder of our economy? Or that no Marcos crony was ever punished? But the most unbelievable thing that happened was that some of the Marcos cronies even managed to expand their business empires under the Estrada presidency.

We cannot and should not make these same mistakes again. We cannot allow Estrada and his cronies who stole the people's money go unpunished. We cannot allow Estrada, his mistresses and conspirators to keep their billions, while millions of Filipinos continue to exist in sub-human conditions.

To allow Estrada and his gang to exit with dignity, is to tell all present and future leaders of our country that it is all right to steal, to cheat, to commit any crime they wish, as in power they are untouchable, and out of it they may live in dignity and peace with all their loot.

No, never again shall we as a Filipino people accept anything less than a full accounting from those responsible. We will never accept anything less than punishment for Estrada and his partners in crime.

This may be our last chance to redeem ourselves as Filipinos, as God may no longer be on our side for an Edsa 3.—**ANTONIO C. PASTELERO, Pastelero Law Office, Philippine Stock Exchange Centre, Exchange Road, Pasig City**

Lessons from the impeachment trial

THINGS I've learned from watching the impeachment trial:

- There are too many lawyers in this country!
- An impeachment trial can be more entertaining than the imported *telenovelas*.
- Heroism is not dead yet. It only needs to be awakened by a good cause.
- Getting the best lawyers *jueteng* money can buy does not guarantee good results.
- There's a good reason why the word lawyer sounds very close to liar.
- A good name like Aquino does not automatically translate to good breeding.
- Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago needs a followup check with her psychiatrist for a possible relapse.
- Sen. Robert Jaworski left his balls on the hardcourt.
- Sen. Gregorio Honasan continues to be a perfect choice for the role of a failed hero.
- Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile continues to be a perfect choice for the role of the master of a failed hero.
- Sen. Ramon Revilla remains clueless why he is there in the first place.
- Sen. Tito Sotto is a comedian acting like a senator.
- Sen. Nikki Coseteng remains a tragically beautiful ex-heroine.
- Sen. Blas Ople could be approaching senility (like lawyer Jose Flaminiano).
- Sen. John Osmeña has lost his marbles somewhere.
- Sen. Kit Tatad may have become more fashionable but certainly remains as despicable as his earlier version in 1972.
- Live TV coverage can expose the best and worst in man.
- Philippine politics can never be the same again.—**ED DAMES, 23 Bagong Anyo St., De Castro Subd., Sta. Lucia, Pasig City**

An apology owed entertainers?

I AM an avid reader of the column of Conrado de Quiros. His words would usually clarify issues for me. The elegance of his style could usually inspire me. However, his column of Jan. 22 left me angry and insulted. He states "entertainers and *trapos* were in Edsa on Thursday and Friday." By that statement he cruelly placed singers and performers in one neat package with opportunistic self-serving *trapos*. *Trapos* that we, the public, hate with a passion.

What right does De Quiros have to make this sweeping judgment? Has he been given some special gift that allows him to look into the hearts of the performers who, just like the millions who went to Edsa, suffered the long hours, the crowd, the pollution of the streets? At the many rallies during the unlamented Estrada administration, did he have some superpower to scour every single nook and cranny of the crowd to make the conclusion that indeed the entertainers were not there?

The performers wanted to help in the protest action. We, the performers, were given a most special gift by God—the gift of music and the ability to stand before a huge crowd to offer this music. It was only natural that we would offer our special gift in this historic protest. I had done so extensively in People Power 1986. It left me profoundly happy and fulfilled. I came away from that experience a responsible citizen of this country. But for People Power 2001 I chose to lend my warm body and that of my entire family to the throngs of people massed on Edsa. Since I had already offered my special gift of music 14 years ago on Edsa 1, I wanted to experience every minute of this unique, wonderful once-in-a-lifetime moment in 2001 with my children and husband. Thus I did not bother to offer my services to be on stage. And it was the correct decision. In my children's eyes I saw the increasing passion, the burning commitment, the growing pride to be true citizens of this great country.

Last week I saw even the smallest unknown performers in the Philippine performing arts go on the Edsa Shrine stage offering their special gifts to the people. All they had in their hearts was the desire to help. All they wanted to do was be one with the people. For that De Quiros labeled them *trapos*. De Quiros owes all entertainers a sincere and immediate apology.—**CELESTE LEGASPI-GALLARDO, 110 Champaca St., Tahanan Village, Parañaque City**

Accolade well earned

THE GREATEST accolade and praise after People Power 2 should be reserved for former President Corazon Aquino. Having been at the seat of power she could have chosen to exact her pound of flesh for the gruesome death of her husband. Instead she immediately sought transformation of a revolutionary government. A revolutionary government where she could hold sway all the powers she needed to exact retribution.

Several coup attempts were staged by then colonel, now Sen. Gregorio Honasan, to gain power for himself or for someone else. Her only son was wounded in one of them. Yet this did not distract her from her ultimate purpose of solidifying the foundation of democracy in our country.

And then came Erap, a president who thought he could do no wrong, or at least, not be accountable for any wrong done. That he threatened our democracy is debatable but that he injured our economy is not. Cory Aquino and Jaime Cardinal Sin again started a wave that culminated in the second miracle of Edsa. Not bad for a "has been." Kudos to a truly remarkable woman.—**OSCAR S. LABRADOR, 1413 Batangas St., Sta. Cruz, Manila**

The proper thing for top generals to do

EDSA 2 has, by God's all-knowing Providence and by dint of people power, dawned upon us! In this atmosphere of jubilation, we can easily neglect the essentials and disregard altogether the basics. It is certainly impossible, most especially for President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, to pay enough attention to everything. It may be useful then, for ordinary citizens like us (for whom the capitulation of the discredited Erap meant nothing short of a dream come true, nay, a miracle) to add our two centavos' worth.

Was it really necessary for the two generals—Angelo Reyes and Jose Calimlim—to salute Erap as he and his party disembarked from the barge at Malacañang Park last Saturday? Considering the harrowing events that preceded it, all that was due Erap and his family would have been safe conduct to his destination, nothing more. We can only guess that the two generals did it on account of the strong bonds of their personal relationship.

Because of this perception, there is one other matter that needs to be brought up. Isn't it prudent and proper for these two generals, being presidential appointees, to tender their courtesy resignations out of *delicadeza*? We note that PNP Director General Panfilo Lacson did just that. That was only right.—**ILEANA R.F. CRUZ, National Institute of Health, UP Manila, Pedro Gil Street, Manila**

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The WORLD

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WRAPPED in ceremonial cloth, the dead are lined up at a crematorium in Ahmedabad, India, Jan. 27, while relatives wait nearby. As many as 15,000 people may have died in the massive earthquake which struck western India Jan. 26. REUTERS

Search for India quake survivors continues as deaths soar to 15,000

AHMEDABAD, India—Rescuers dug through rubble in a desperate search for survivors Sunday but hopes began to dim for thousands still missing two days after an earthquake which killed an estimated 15,000 in western India.

Keshubhai Patel, the chief minister of Gujarat, the worst-hit state, warned residents to be prepared for further strong tremors and said there were fears of a potential epidemic in the flattened Gujarati town of Bhuj.

Patel told reporters a fresh quake measuring 5.9 on the Richter scale had been recorded Sunday morning along with dozens of aftershocks.

"The next 48 hours will be very critical and crucial for Ahmedabad," a city of 3.6 million which is Gujarat's industrial center and trading hub, he said.

"People should stay away from cracked buildings, move out and stay in open ground. The government is now identifying open spaces to set up camps to house people."

Patel said there were fears of an outbreak of disease in Bhuj because of water contamination and rotting animal carcasses. "The four hospitals in Bhuj have vanished from the face of the earth with their entire staff," he said.

Some estimates have put the death toll in Bhuj, a town of some 150,000, at up to 6,000. The old walled section of the town was devastated.

The worst quake to hit India in 50 years measured up to 7.9 on the Richter scale and struck on Friday on the morning of the Republic Day holiday, with the epicenter located near Bhuj.

While the official body count from the quake stood at only 2,366, senior government officials said the final death toll would exceed 15,000 with tens of thousands injured.

Patel declined to provide a casualty toll saying "we ourselves are not sure of the situation on the ground. "The scale of the destruction is beyond comprehension and it is not possible to give any accurate figures now."

In Ahmedabad, there was some positive news when a Swiss team with sniffer dogs managed to rescue two people—a 35-year-old woman and a 14-year-old boy—from an apartment block some 43 hours after the quake.

"If anyone is trapped in an air pocket, close to a kitchen or toilet or any other water source, then they can survive up to a week," said the team's deputy leader Hans Peter Sutter. "If not, then there is little hope after three days."

Rescue teams from Turkey and Russia have also arrived in Gujarat, with others from Britain, Italy and France expected later in the day.

India's giant neighbor China announced plans to send a team of seismological experts while Australia, Belgium, Malaysia, Norway and other countries pledged assistance.

The fresh tremors on Sunday triggered panic in Ahmedabad, where thousands spent a second night out in the open, too scared to return to their homes.

Bhuj and most of the surrounding Kutch region were without electricity, water and communications and facing a critical shortage of medical supplies.

Because of a shortage of heavy machinery, rescue teams and relatives resorted to using their bare hands in the desperate search for survivors. *AFP*

MULTIMILLION-DOLLAR SCAMS

Wahid faces biggest political challenge

JAKARTA—Indonesia's president faces what could be the biggest political challenge of his 15 troubled months in power when the parliament meets behind closed doors on Monday to consider a report into corruption allegations against him.

Lawmakers, who authored the yet-to-be released findings, have said there is sufficient evidence to implicate head of state Abdurrahman Wahid in two multimillion-dollar scandals.

Wahid has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing and it is uncertain how critical the report by a 50-member investigative panel will be.

Neither is it clear whether the parliament, which voted him into power in late 1999 after decades of dictatorship, will decide to pursue his case and possibly initiate lengthy impeachment proceedings.

Wahid's popular deputy Megawati Sukarnoputri, whose party controls the most seats in the 500-member legislature and who is Wahid's most likely successor, has yet to comment on the scandals. However, some reports say her top supporters are split on whether to take action against Wahid.

There have also been growing number of pro- and anti-Wahid street protests.

The investigation into Wahid comes as his popularity remains low due to his inability to fix fundamental problems besetting the world's fourthmost populous nation. Separatist and sectarian violence has killed thousands in several restive provinces and the economy remains in crisis. Authorities have also failed to catch the masterminds of a series of deadly terrorist bombings.

On Sunday Wahid warned that as many 50,000 of his supporters might descend on Jakarta before parliament meets and he downplayed the threat against his presidency.

"We are not expecting anything bad to happen," the state Antara news agency quoted him as saying.

Legislators have decided to hold Monday's meeting in private because of the sensitive nature of the allegations. On Thursday they will convene an open session to announce what, if any, action they will take against Wahid. *AP*

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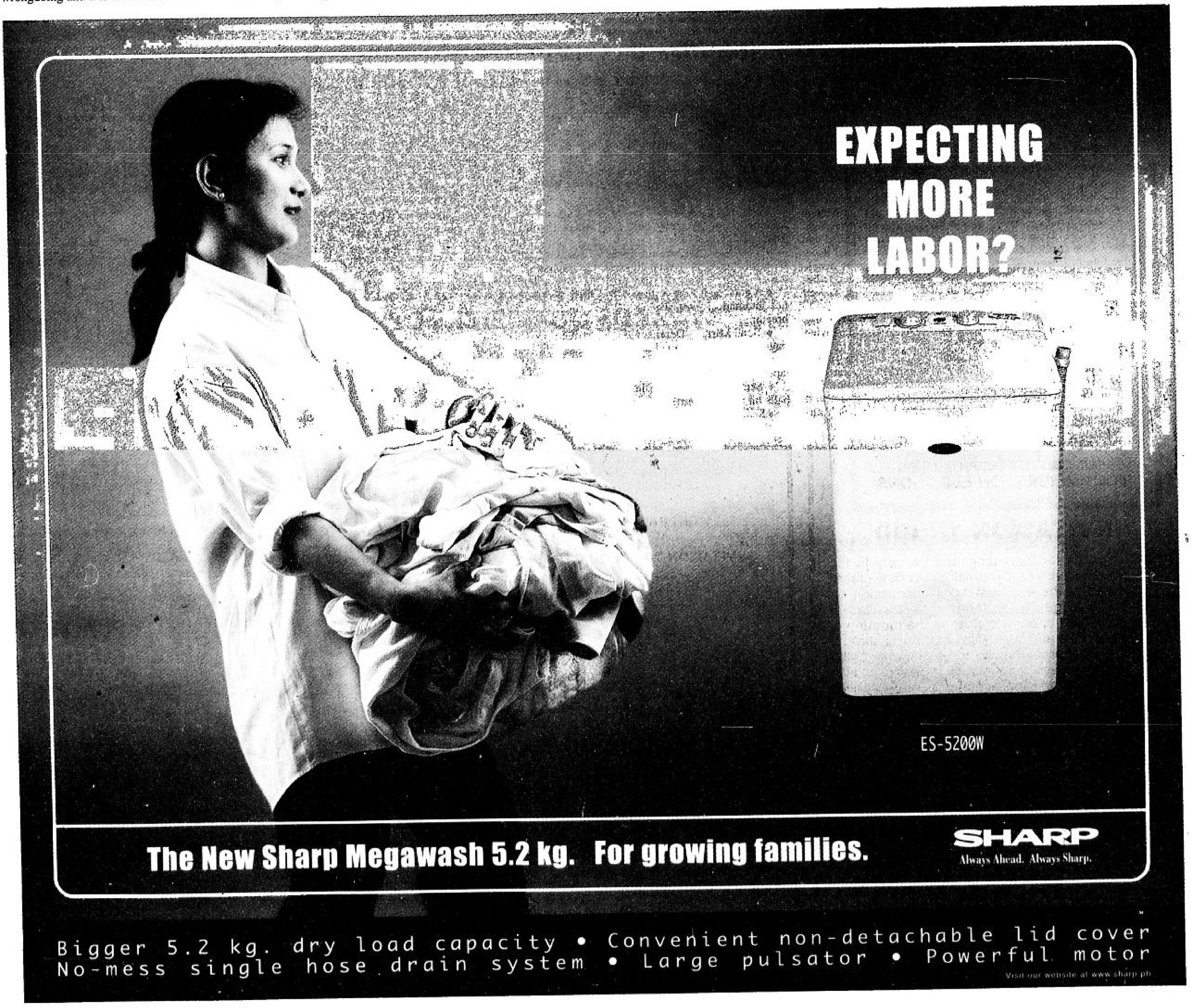

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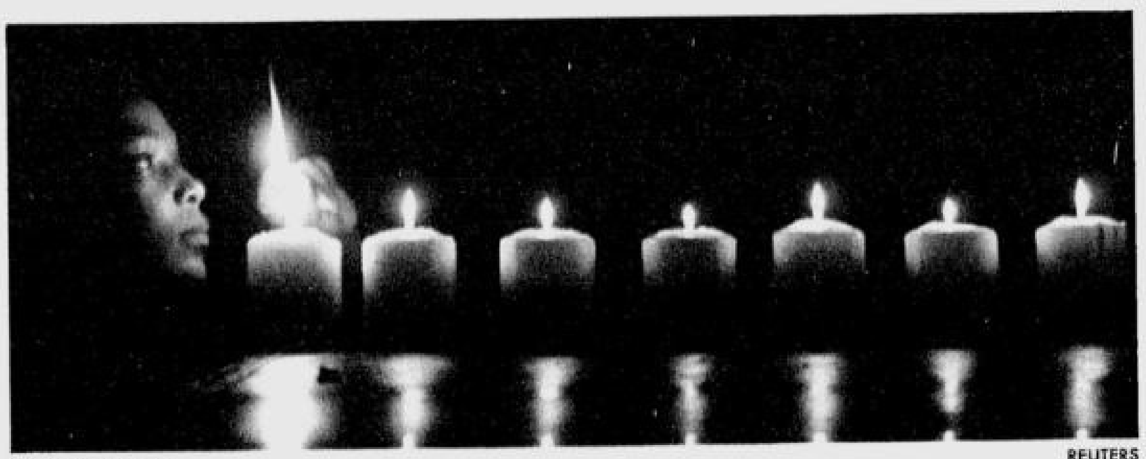
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FIRST RITES

Britain's religious and political leaders joined survivors of the Holocaust, Cambodia's "Killing Fields" and Rwanda's genocide Jan. 28 for the first Holocaust Memorial Day ceremony. Shown above, Kananu Kirimi lights a candle at a Scottish ceremony in the Usher Hall in Edinburgh to mark the first ceremony. Leaders and survivors hope that people will reflect on the Holocaust and similar recent atrocities to be able to understand them.

Nurse makes 'fortune' from Matisse

LONDON—A French nurse who posed for a series of sketches by modernist artist Henri Matisse in her youth is set to make a fortune through selling the pictures.

The series qf seven pencil sketches, drawn by the French artist in the 1950s, are to be sold at Christie's in London next month with an estimate of $306,700 the Observer newspaper said.

Denise Arokas, 69, told the newspaper that she had decided to sell the pictures to help fund a foundation for artists in the French countryside.

Arokas said that when she first arrived at the elderly artist's Paris home at the age of 19 she had no idea who he was.

However, an unlikely friendship quickly developed between the pair and she agreed to model for him. He later gave her drawing lessons and set her on the path of a successful modeling career.

"He was already over 80, but as soon as he met her, he decided he wanted to draw this elegant girl's face," Paris-based art specialist Jerome Le Blay told the newspaper.

The most valuable drawing in the collection, which bears a personal message to the young model by the artist, is expected to reach up to $87,754, the Observer said. *Reuters*

Despite dialogue, junta rule seems entrenched

RANGOON—Burma's ruling military has eased its withering pressure on pro-democracy activists, raising hopes for some that a Western economic boycott is finally having an effect.

But even as a European Union delegation is scheduled to arrive Monday to press for more liberalization, some analysts say the junta is unlikely to meaningfully loosen a nearly 40-year grip on power.

Hope was recently sparked that a decade-old deadlock between the generals and pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi could be broken after word emerged the two sides have been holding secret talks for nearly four months.

This dialogue, the first since 1994, is being called a "landmark" by dissident exiles and hailed by the United Nations. Some Western diplomats in the region say it's evidence the junta is in desperate economic straits.

But several Burma (also known as Myanmar) intellectuals, who spoke on condition of anonymity to avoid trouble with the junta, don't expect a resolution in the foreseeable future. Some foreign analysts agree.

"The dialogue is very much a show for the European Union, Japanese and the new Bush administration," said Josef Silverstein, an American political scientist who has studied Burma for a half century. "It's a play for the international community."

For a start, both Suu Kyi and the top military leaders are true believers in their competing political views, say observers who know the key players personally. Such people rarely are willing to compromise.

The generals regard themselves as Burma's saviors, and their hostility to Suu Kyi is almost visceral. Their core position—that they will retain power as long as they see fit—appears nonnegotiable.

"The Lady," as she is widely known, is a passionate democrat whose uncompromising stance sometimes borders on arrogance. This, and the Nobel Prize laureate's great popularity in the West, further infuriates the military.

On the surface, the capital of Rangoon has rarely looked better. Traffic jams, shopping malls and highrises that indicate some people have benefited from economic liberalization by a military group that seized power after brutally crushing a Suu Kyi-led uprising in 1988.

Burma had locked itself away from the world following a 1962 military coup. The ensuing regime—a mix of military rule and socialism—proved disastrous.

The economy is clearly the current regime's Achilles' heel and it has been deteriorating. Foreign investment has plummeted since 1997, hard currency is scarce, and rice, a key export, faces a glut on the world market.

This is worsened by continuing economic sanctions by Washington and the European Community. Japan, once the leading aid giver, is waiting for signs of political change before opening its pocketbook.

Burma says it wants sanctions lifted, and some concessions to Suu Kyi and her National League for Democracy might prove enough to lessen international pressure. The EU delegation will assess the situation during its four-day visit.

The junta, known as the State Peace and Development Council, has stopped virulent attacks on Suu Kyi's party and has released some political prisoners, although Suu Kyi has been under house arrest since Sept. 22. *AP*

Animal rights group helps free 3 chimps

SINGAPORE—Three young chimpanzees who pose for snapshots with visitors at the Singapore Zoo have been freed from cages after an outcry from international animal rights groups, a zoo spokesperson said Sunday.

The three were taken from their mothers at birth and kept in cages apart from the zoo's other chimps so that keepers could easily catch them for the daily photo sessions, Singapore Zoo spokesperson Robin Goh said.

The zoo decided to stop the 10-year-old practice after complaints last year from the United States-based International Primate Protection League and the World Society for the Protection of Animals, which is headquartered in Britain.

A young volunteer who worked at the zoo "wasn't really comfortable" with the situation and alerted the international groups, Goh said.

Chimps Poko, Gombe and Rhamba, ages 1 ½ to 4 years, were released late last year into a larger, more natural area of jungle trees and grass where the zoo's 11 other chimpanzees are kept, Goh said.

"The three of them are mixing well with the others," he said.

Zoo keepers have had no problems retrieving the three chimps for the photo sessions, which will continue as usual, Goh added.

The zoo only used baby chimps whose mothers rejected them for the photo program, Goh added.

"We would never, ever remove baby chimps for the sole purpose of photography," he said, noting that the snapshot chimps were normally put in with the other chimps when they turned 5 years old.

Baby chimps who are rejected will now be separated for only "a few months" before being put back with the others, and will not be caged for photos, Goh said. *AP*

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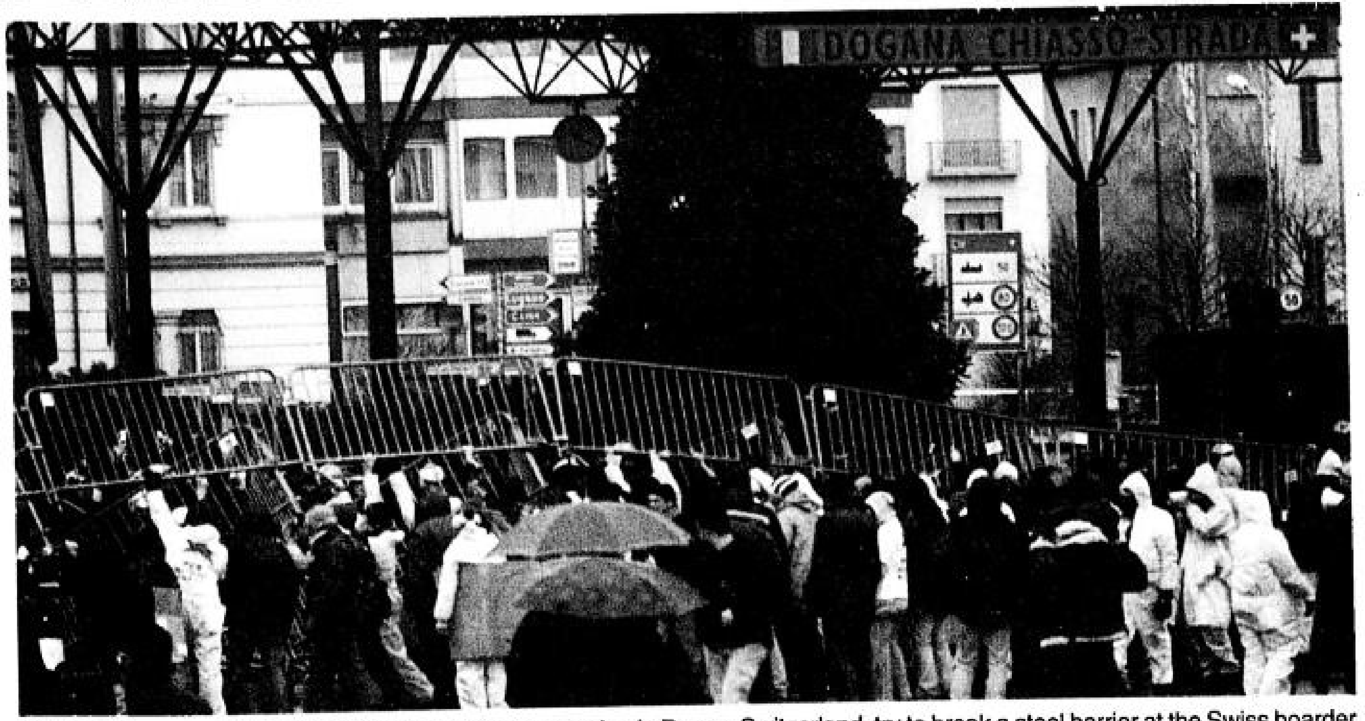

ITALIANS opposed to the World Economic Forum ongoing in Davos, Switzerland, try to break a steel barrier at the Swiss boarder control in Chiasso, Switzerland, Jan. 27, while Swiss policemen try to prevent the protesters from entering Swiss territory with water cannons. AP

Protests vs globalization spread in 3 Swiss cities

DAVOS, Switzerland—Police beat back a protest against the World Economic Forum's annual meeting in the ski resort of Davos on Saturday but anti-globalization protests spread to other Swiss cities.

Four cars were set on fire during protests in Zurich by up to 1,000 demonstrators after many were prevented by police from traveling to Davos. Police responded by firing tear gas and rubber pellets.

Earlier, several hundred demonstrators defied a ban on protests in Davos and a strict police crackdown to travel to the chic ski resort where the forum holds its annual meetings for 3,000 of the world's top business and political leaders. When demonstrators marched toward the heavily-fortified compound where the forum meets, they were confronted by a huge force of riot police, who sealed off the street with barricades, vehicles and a water cannon truck.

Police surrounded about 200 protesters—some carrying signs saying "Justice, Not Profits"—and ordered them to disperse before blasting a few with water.

Heavy snow fell in Davos as the mostly youthful activists, some with faces hidden by bandannas, chanted "Wipe out the WEF."

Participants in the forum "are here to say they want to plan the future of the world and we are definitely against this future they want for us," said one demonstrator, David Boehner.

The protests were the latest of a series of sometimes violent anti-globalization protests that have shaken Seattle, Prague and Davos in the last year.

Swiss police have mounted their biggest security operation in decades to try to prevent protesters from disrupting the conference. All week, Swiss authorities have stopped suspected demonstrators traveling to Davos and turned back more than 100 people at the Swiss border.

The police tactics drew strong criticism from some of the 36 grassroots groups invited to take part in this year's forum.

"Davos has become a 'fortress' with ominous consequences for the future of global dialogue," several of the groups said in a statement. They said their participation in future forums would depend on the organizers' willingness to support peaceful gatherings on the streets. *Reuters*

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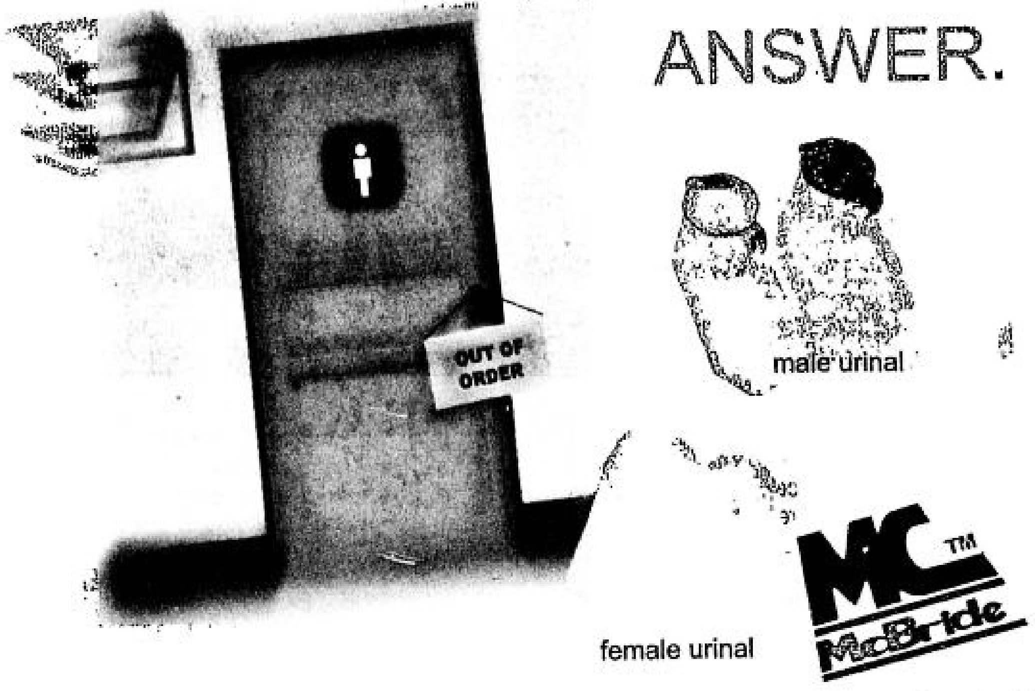

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Israel, PLO end 5 days of talks with no deal

JERUSALEM—Is. .el and the Palestinians have ended five days of talks in Egypt without a peace deal, all but killing off hopes of a breakthrough before an election which is expected to oust Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak.

Negotiators issued a joint statement on Saturday saying they were closer than ever to an agreement after the talks in the Egyptian Red Sea resort of Taba.

They said they hoped the remaining gaps would be bridged after the election on Feb. 6.

"It is doubtful there has ever been a round of talks so serious, deep and detailed." Foreign Minister Shlomo Ben-Ami, Israel's chief negotiator, told a news conference in Taba on Saturday.

In an effort to push the peace process ahead, Palestinian officials said President Yasser Arafat would meet Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak in Sweden on Tuesday or Wednesday.

Israeli sources said Barak had not yet decided whether to go to Stockholm and was weighing how being seen at Arafat's side would affect his already slim chances of overcoming right-winger Ariel Sharon's 16 to 18 percentage point opinion poll lead.

Arafat was scheduled to meet Israeli elder statesman Shimon Peres at the Davos business forum in Switzerland, but there was no indication that this meeting would produce any movement forward in the peace process.

Violence has continued in the West Bank and Gaza Strip since the talks began, and at one point prompted the Israelis to suspend them for two days before they returned to Taba.

At least 373 people have been killed in the past four months, at least 312 of them Palestinians, 48 Israelis and 13 Israeli Arabs. Several Palestinians were hurt in clashes on Saturday near the West Bank cities of Ramallah and Nablus, Palestinian sources said.

The negotiators discussed four main issues in Taba—the fate of Palestinian refugees, borders, security and the future of Jerusalem. The four were the main obstacles to a deal after an inconclusive US-brokered summit last July.

A Palestinian official said the sides had agreed not to publicize the points of agreement hammered out by the negotiating teams so that they might resume their work without intervention after the election.

The Palestinians want to create a state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, which Israel captured in the 1967 Middle East war.

One member of the Palestinian delegation told Reuters that progress had been made on borders. *Reuters*

Ex-Peruvian president ends exile

LIMA—Former President Alan Garcia ended nearly nine years of exile, returning to try to recapture the presidency of the homeland he fled facing corruption charges.

Garcia, 51, who left office in 1990 amid annual inflation topping 7,600 percent, surging rebel violence and rampant corruption, landed at Lima's international airport shortly before sunset Saturday and immediately hit the campaign trail ahead of April 8 elections.

Reviled by many Peruvians as a silver-tongued crook who should never have returned, Garcia was met at the airport by some 3,000 placard-waving supporters, most members of his left-leaning Aprista party.

"After nine long years, I am here to confirm for all of you my commitment, my profound belief in Peru and its youth," Garcia told a cheering crowd of tens of thousands at a rally hours later in a downtown Lima Plaza.

Hunched over a podium draped with red and white fabric, the colors of Peru's flag, he told the multitude: "In this dramatic hour in which there is uncertainty, disillusion, anger and pain, I come to Peru with a proposal of hope, of work, of decentralization and democracy."

The return of Garcia from Colombia follows the downfall of his nemesis, former President Alberto Fujimori, who had long sought to imprison him, and a recent Supreme Court ruling that the statute of limitations had expired on the corruption charges against him. He has lived in exile since 1992. *AP*

Italy marks Verdi centenary with 'Requiem' shows

ROME—Italy bathed in Giuseppe Verdi's music on Saturday as orchestras and choirs, radio stations and television channels dedicated themselves to the maestro on the 100th anniversary of his death.

Verdi's homeland still holds one of its greatest composers close to its heart and was determined to lead worldwide celebrations.

"Verdi is wonderful, his music is so passionate! Truly Italian!" enthused Daniela Mancini, an arts student in Rome who queued in pouring rain to hear one of several "Requiems" performed across Italy.

He may be known as "the great old man of opera" for such works as "Aida," "La Traviata," and "Il Trovatore," but it was the contemplative prayers for the dead and anguished 'Dies Irae' of Verdi's Requiem Mass that raised most roofs on Saturday.

In Rome, the Requiem returned to its religious roots in a rare production of the piece within a Catholic Mass.

Music and incense wafted through the 12th-century church of Santa Maria in Trastevere under the direction of Gianluigi Gelmetti, principal conductor at Rome's opera house.

"Verdi's music speaks for itself in the Requiem more than in any of his other works," he wrote in the program.

And there were plenty of opportunities for it to speak worldwide, with performances dotted across the globe from Milan—where Verdi himself conducted its premier in 1874—to London to Washington.

"Brilliant stuff," said Tom Piper, a British tourist who said classical music was not "my thing" but wandered into the Rome Requiem to see what the crowd was waiting for.

The centenary celebrations were not only musical.

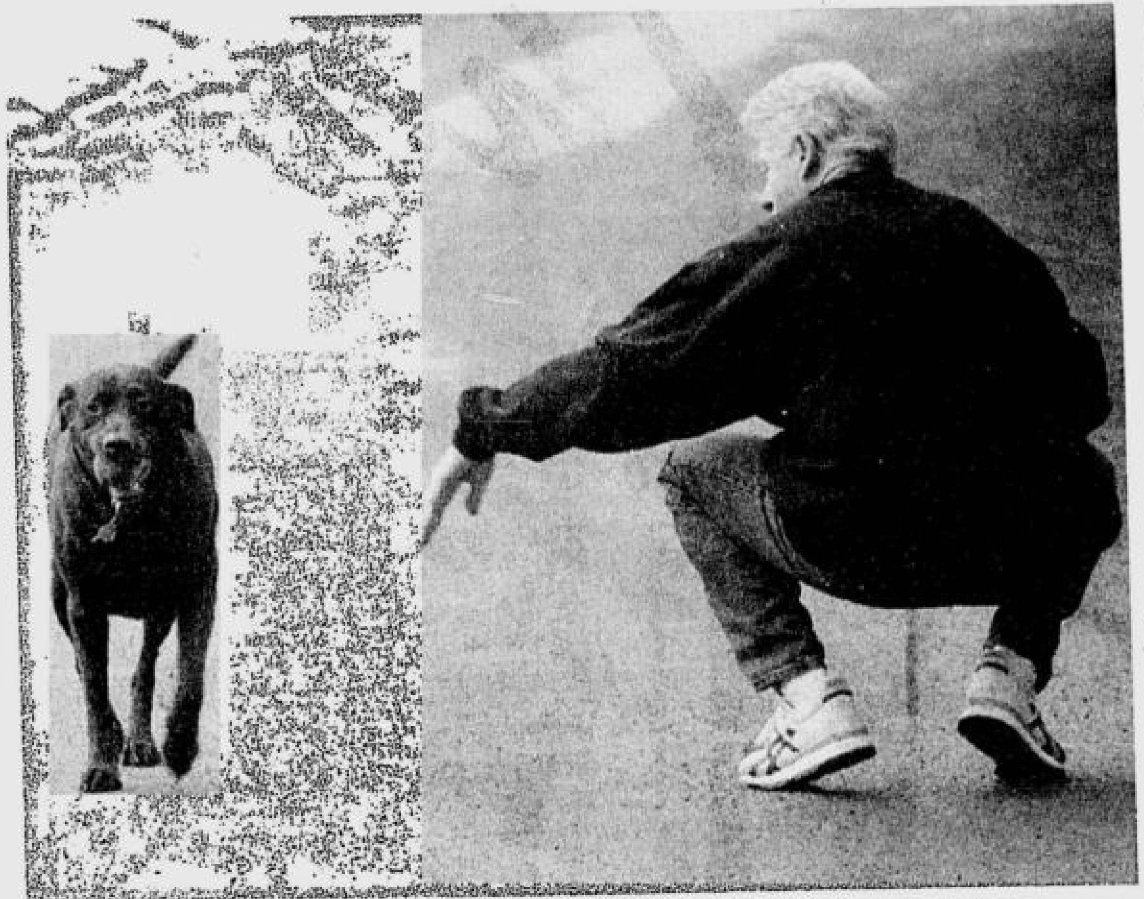
In Milan, about 3,000 people marched by candlelight to the hotel where Verdi died aged 87 and laid straw in the street outside as was done a century earlier so the composer would not be disturbed as he lay dying.

Down the road in the square outside the La Scala opera house, actors dressed in period garb acted as Verdi's friends, mourning the maestro's loss. A national radio station dedicated 36 hours to discussions of his music and impact.

Even leading sports newspaper La Gazzetta dello Sport gave a whole page to "Verdi, Champion of the Century."

"It might all be a little over the top," Maria Brunelli said, clutching a newspaper supplement on Verdi. "But we should know about the great Italians of the past and enjoy them."

The supplement from la Repubblica also poured scorn on the composer's compatriots. A survey done for the day showed only 13 percent knew it was the centenary of his death and just nine percent could name the village where he was born. *Reuters*



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BEYOND THE WHITE HOUSE

Former US President Bill Clinton plays with his dog Buddy outside his Chappaqua, New York, house Jan. 27. Clinton said he and his wife Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton have been busy unpacking boxes during the weekend.

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‘Rainbow forces’ replace Edsa forces

BAGUIO CITY—Politicians in this city have abandoned their affiliations with the Lakas-NUCD and the erstwhile administration party Lapian ng Masang Pilipino in preparation for the May 14 elections.

In 1992, former Speaker Jose de Venecia Jr. initiated a "Rainbow Coalition" to facilitate the Ramos administration's Philippines 2000 legislative platform.

For the elections this May, many administration politicians refuse to heed a Lakas party directive forbidding provincial alliances between the new administration coalition and the LAMP, according to Baguio Rep. Bernardo Vergara.

The instruction was a result of the newly reinforced coalition representing the new administration party, Vergara, a LAMP member, said.

President Macapagal-Arroyo now leads the so-called Edsa Forces Coalition, composed of the Lakas-NUCD, Promdi, Reporma, Liberal Party and Aksyon Demokratiko.

Members of ousted President Joseph Estrada's LAMP reconvened on Friday under a new opposition coalition led by former Executive Secretary Edgardo Angara.

Among the core members of the new opposition are the Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino, the Nationalist People's Coalition (NPC) and the People's Reform Party (PRP).

Vergara said the new alliances in Luzon broke the standing Lakas directive because most provincial politicians needed to consolidate their political war chests.

"The Lakas-NUCD had no money to speak of two months ago," Vergara, a Lakas member before he joined the NPC shortly after the 1998 elections, said.

A Lakas member said the new coalitions also "reduce the straining impact of the second People Power movement" on veteran politicians and incumbent government officials who are running their own reelection campaigns.

The parties joining the new alliances controlled the number of turncoats being wooed by De Venecia to the Edsa Forces Coalition, Vergara said.

De Venecia earlier asked LAMP congressmen to join the new administration coalition as a "reconciliatory gesture."

"The original LAMP members are now down to 90. I won't be surprised if we go down to 50 members next week. Certainly, these rainbow alliances help," Vergara said.

The fate of a Baguio alliance is turning into a test case for other coalitions, he said.

Vergara is teaming up with Baguio Mayor Mauricio Domogan, Lakas-NUCD Cordillera coordinator, to lead a slate of candidates from the NPC, PRP, Reporma and Lakas-NUCD.

Vergara, a third-term congressman, is now running for mayor, while Domogan will seek the lone Baguio congressional seat.

But at least two Lakas members, both vying for the official Lakas nomination as Baguio mayoral candidate, already complained about the Vergara-Domogan team-up.

One of the candidates even indicated that the Lakas national committee had nullified this alliance.

"The request for a coalition was not allowed by the party. Lakas does not accept Vergara as its candidate," said Councilor Roberto Ortega, who took his oath as Lakas-NUCD member last week. Ortega is reportedly interested in the Lakas mayoral nomination.

His rival, lawyer Edgar Avila, also complained to Lakas officials about the Vergara-Domogan team-up.

The ticket had already polarized the party's ranks here.

Vice Mayor Daniel Fariñas bolted Lakas this month to run for mayor under a local opposition party known as the Independent Baguio Alliance (IBA). *Vincent Cabreza and Avigail Olarte, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Computer student among ‘encounter’ victims

STA. CRUZ, Laguna—A fact-finding team has identified the five persons (not six as earlier reported by the military) who were killed in an alleged encounter between soldiers and communist rebels in a remote village of Siniloan, Laguna, early Saturday.

The team was sent by the human rights group Karapatan and farmers' groups in Southern Tagalog.

Dodoy Julian, a farmer-leader who joined the team, said the victims were Mariel Cabigan, an AMA Computer College student and native of Lumban; Armingol Triñanes, of Balian, Pangil; Eric Baldomaru; a certain Alex of Calmininay, Cavinti; and a woman civilian named Bueno of Magsaysay, Siniloan.

Another AMA Computer College-Sta. Cruz student named Annie Sta. Ana, of Liliw town, was wounded, according to Julian.

The team, Julian said, also reported that four persons suspected as New People's Army rebels were taken by the Army's 1st Infantry Battalion stationed at Barangay Kapatalan, Siniloan.

The barangay chair of Kapatalan, who was not identified, had told the group that the alleged encounter occurred between 6 a.m. and 7 a.m. at Sitio Talipan, Barangay Magsaysay, Siniloan.

Julian said the victims had bullet wounds in the back.

A professor of AMA Computer College in Sta. Cruz yesterday confirmed that Cabigan and Sta. Ana were students of the college.

An officer of the provincial police, who requested anonymity, confirmed the encounter between a composite team of Philippine National Police and Army soldiers and 30 armed men. *Romulo Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

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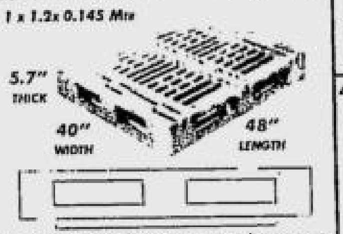
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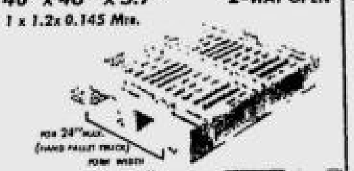
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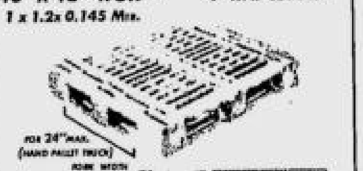
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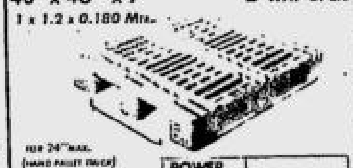
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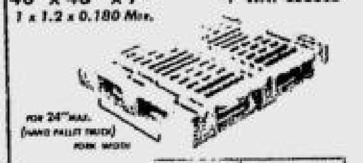
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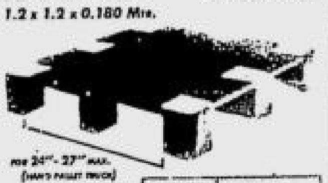
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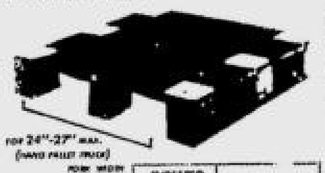
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Armed men attack firm; 8 wounded

COTABATO CITY—Eight persons were injured when armed men attacked the compound of a construction firm in Ampatuan, Maguindanao, on Wednesday night.

The military said Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) rebels were behind the attack, but the claim was denied by the MILF, which said the suspects could be disgruntled workers of the firm.

Maj. Julieto Ando, spokesperson of the Army's 6th Infantry Division, said some 30 rebels attacked the engineering compound of Algon Construction Co., in Barangay Salman in Ampatuan around 7:30 p.m.

Wounded were company manager Reynaldo Durado, National Irrigation Administration inspector Alex Bergonia, engineer Glen Labuan, and workers Juan Arroyo, Eleazer Goso, Rudy Tan and Fernando Apura.

A militiaman, Bonifacio Pecson, was also hurt.

Ando said another rebel group attacked the nearby outpost of the 57th Infantry Battalion. No one was reported hurt.

"It is sad to note that they (rebels) are harassing construction workers engaged in the construction of the Kabulnan Irrigation Project which will benefit a lot of Muslim farmers in Maguindanao," Ando said.

Eid Kabalu, MILF spokesperson, denied the military allegations. He said Commander Mastur, leader of the MILF's 203rd Brigade that operates in Ampatuan, had denied any involvement in the attacks.

Citing Mastur's report, Kabalu said "someone fired a grenade launcher and the bomb landed on the Algon compound, hitting a house where workers were watching television."

"This could be the result of a dispute between workers and management. *Baka may mga* workers *na hindi nabayaran* (Some workers may not have been paid)," he added.

Construction work of the P2.2-billion Asian Development Bank-funded Kabulnan Irrigation Project, which was started in 1992, is scheduled to be completed this March.

NIA regional officer-in-charge Modesto Tolentino said some 12,800 hectares of farmland in Ampatuan, Shariff Aguak, Datu Piang and Mamasapano towns, all in Maguindanao, would benefit from the project.

In Digos City, the MILF has not changed its position that the peace negotiations with the government be held abroad.

Al Haj Murad, MILF vice chair for military affairs, said only the rebel front's central committee could decide on whether to drop that demand.

The MILF, in seeking the holding of the peace negotiations in another country, cited serious threats to the security of members of its peace panel.

Last year, military and police authorities were ordered to arrest leaders of the MILF following the renewed war in Mindanao waged by then President Joseph Estrada and the series of violence and bombings attributed to the rebel group. ***Charlie Señase, Edwin Fernandez, Nico Alconaba, Allan Nawal, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

Rare hawk-eagle captured in Leyte

By Vicente Labro
PDI Visayas Bureau

TACLOBAN CITY—A Philippine hawk-eagle (*Spizaetus philippensis*); which was captured in a village of Carigara town, Leyte, on Jan. 15, is set to be freed into the wild.

Marcelo Macanda, assistant leader of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources' Regional Eagle Watch Team (REWT), said the endangered bird was captured by a farmer named Manuel Dapigan, of Barangay Giloktogan, 5 kilometers from the Carigara town proper.

Macanda said the farmer gave the bird to a friend, Carlos Emperio, an employee of the Department of Agrarian Reform, in the poblacion for proper disposition.

Emperio, who first thought the catch was the more famous Philippine eagle, immediately contacted the DENR regional office to properly identify and release the bird.

On Jan. 18, Macanda and REWT team leader Arnulito Macanda went to Carigara to see the bird and facilitate its release to the wild.

"We told Emperio that the bird is not a Philippine eagle but a Philippine hawk-eagle," Macanda said. Although its wing span is wider, the Philippine hawk-eagle is smaller than the Philippine eagle.

The raptor captured in Carigara is nearly two feet long and has a wing span of three feet. Its release was deferred due to bad weather.

Macanda said the Philippine hawk-eagle can be found in several parts of the country but they are now very few.

Little is known about the bird, which is listed as endangered under the Convention on the International Trade of Endangered Species, he said.

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Bicolanos thank patroness for 'People Power'

By Juan Escandor
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

NAGA CITY—Amid cheers and fireworks, some 10,000 Bicolanos celebrated the fall of President Joseph Estrada on Friday at the Plaza Quezon here, giving thanks to the Bicol patroness, Our Lady of Peñafrancia, or *Ina* (mother).

The *Ina* has become a symbol of unity to the people in the region when the anti-Estrada protests started to spill into the city streets.

On Jan. 20, the day Estrada left Malacañang, a contingent of Bicolanos arrived at the Edsa Shrine with the *Ina*, which they put on the stage to show to the whole nation that even in struggle, their religiosity played an important role.

Fr. Joel Tabora, Ateneo de Naga University president and a convenor of the Erap Resign Movement, said the *Ina* stood for unity in the fight against moral decay.

"Naga came up very, very strong with protest rallies, which culminated in a caravan to Manila with the *Ina*,'' Tabora said.

The multitude in the People Power II celebration, carrying the *Ina*, started the parade at the Naga Cathedral, which snaked through the main thoroughfares in the central business district. The area was closed to traffic.

In a program held late afternoon, the people's cheers were interspersed with shouts of "Viva La Virgen" (Long live the Virgin).

Five priests concelebrated the thanksgiving Mass.

Women symbol

Tess Pielago, chair of the Bicol Women for the Advancement of Nationalism, said the *Ina* also symbolized women struggling against an oppressive system.

The cause, she said, became more relevant during the administration of Estrada whose mistresses became synonymous with the presidency.

Pielago said that like the struggle of women in contemporary society, the vigilance and militancy of the people against moral decay and vested interests should continue under President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Rep. James Jacob said the symbolism of *Ina* among the Bicolanos in the anti-Estrada fight was manifested by their abhorrence of the immorality that had plagued the highest office in the land.

Jacob said the triumph of People Power II should warn the new administration that the people have already acquired a higher level of consciousness regarding cronyism, corruption and immorality in government service.

Jesse Robredo, Ramon Magsaysay Awardee 2000 and former mayor of Naga, said People Power II, with the blessings of *Ina*, had rewarded Bicol with the appointment of distinguished Bicolanos to key positions in the new administration.

Will to change

People Power II has mandated the new administration with the will to change the system, Robredo said.

Sen. Raul Roco, newly appointed education secretary, who graced the celebration, said justice and truth have been achieved in the four-day uprising.

Drowned by chants of "Roco, Roco" from thousands of spectators, the senator joked that the impeachment trial up to People Power II was the longest movie ever made in the world, with the whole nation participating.

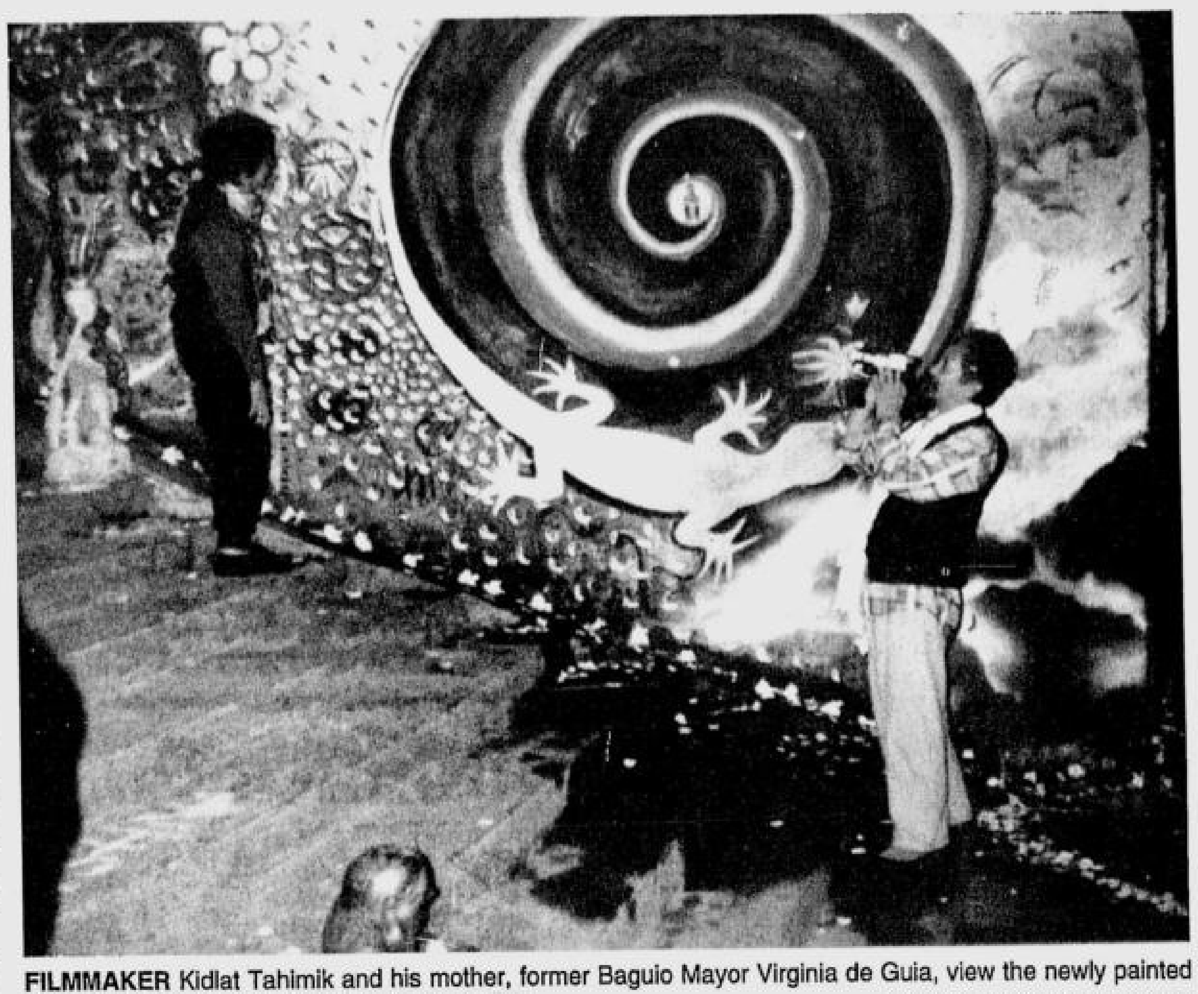
He said the proof that the trial had educated Filipinos on its process and mechanisms was the popularization of legal terms.

Roco said that when he visited the division office of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports in Camarines Sur, he was offered coffee by a teacher, who addressed him "Your Honor."

He said he responded by saying "sustained."

Artists lose 'Freedom Wall' mural

By Vincent Cabreza
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau


FILMMAKER Kidlat Tahimik and his mother, former Baguio Mayor Virginia de Guia, view the newly painted derelict wall along Session Road in Baguio City.
PHOTO COURTESY OF KIDLAT TAHIMIK

BAGUIO CITY—Intolerance has tainted the gains of "People Power II," rearing its ugly head here on the eve of Joseph Estrada's ouster from the presidency.

The "Wall of Expression and Peace," whose mural attested to the emotional upheaval generated by Estrada's impeachment trial, was painted over by Born-Again Christians on Jan. 19.

The mural was mounted on a derelict wall along Session Road in November last year, where the old Skyworld Condominium was toppled by the magnitude-7.7 earthquake on July 16, 1990.

It was publicly regarded a testament to anti-Estrada sentiments here because parts of the wall were re-cast by young artists as often as their passions shifted in the course of protest rallies.

But the Covenanted Youths on Fire (CYOF), an evangelical alliance of 21 Born-Again Christian groups, painted over the mural last week and replaced it with their own religious pieces.

Baguio-based filmmaker Kidlat Tahimik and photographer Tommy Hafalla said they were more offended by a Jan. 4 letter sent to Mayor Mauricio Domogan by CYOF Pastor Mitch Limpin, which suggested that the artists' wall reeked of hatred and wickedness.

The letter sought permission to paint the wall "free of wickedness and iniquity, devoid of corruption, drugs, alcohol, adultery, enmity, strife, dissension and the likes."

"The second People Power Revolution may have stopped the whitewashing of ousted President Estrada's alleged crimes, but it is now tainted by the whitewash of intolerance," Kidlat said.

Apology

Limpin apologized to Kidlat on Tuesday in a dialogue called by Domogan. He said the young evangelists only offered to paint Christian slogans on the wall as their own contribution to the new morality being propounded by the Macapagal administration.

He argued that the CYOF vision was also a form of expression that is still guided by the wall's initial mission.

"We did not even know who the artists were," he said.

The CYOF obtained the permission of the city government, as well as the old Skyworld administrator to remove the mural.

BORN-AGAIN Christians paint over the "Freedom Wall" mural.
TOOTS SOBERANO

Domogan also allowed the religious group to paint over other street walls.

The Session Road mural project was initiated in November by Kidlat's son, Kawayan de Guia.

Providential canvas

Kawayan told the INQUIRER last year that the wall was a providential canvas for young artists who needed to release their frustration and rage at the political crisis then affecting the country.

It was widely regarded as a "freedom wall," because the artists encouraged passers-by to add their own art expressions.

The most dominant painting was designed by Kawayan, young members of the Baguio Arts Guild (BAG) and students from the Saint Louis University and Brent School.

They cast a rainbow spiral of stark gold and blue, ending at the tail of a giant lizard, a prominent Cordillera icon common to many BAG art pieces.

The image was laid out on a white and blue background, peppered with contrasting raindrops.

Kawayan later softened the rainbow's colors, apparently reflecting his own mellowing as the anti-Estrada rallies dwindled during the impeachment trial.

But scores of rage were also included on the wall, including a graphic illustration of a man shooting a woman labeled with the word "Bitch."

That particular image was disturbing, said Padmapani Perez, daughter of artist Laida Lim-Perez.

"As a young mother, it is not a message I would want my children to see, of course," she said.

Keeping open mind

The CYOF used these images to point out to Domogan that the mural's message was too negative for the Baguio Flower Festival, scheduled on Feb. 17.

But Perez told the CYOF at last week's dialogue that the whitewashing still represented "a denial of other people's right to express themselves."

Kidlat said the artists never intended to admonish the CYOF when he asked for the dialogue.

"It was more important for us to open minds rather than confront them. We do not even want to block their use of that wall. We knew we did not have any monopoly on that wall," he said.

He said the recent whitewashing was the third encounter between Baguio artists and Christian groups.

In 1997, valuable pieces of the BAG that were kept inside the Baguio Convention Center were vandalized by members of another Christian evangelist group.

The Government Service Insurance System also whitewashed a mural painted at the basement of the convention center by top artists, like Ben Cabrera, when it took over the facility.

A BAG mural depicting the Igorot nation's ritual culture at a local university was also destroyed, apparently on the strength of lobbies from another evangelical group, Kidlat said.

Limpin's prayer, which he read to the artists at the end of the dialogue, thanked God for using the whitewashing incident as an instrument to bring their cause closer to Baguio's artists.

"But *Kabunian* still got the last word. I also prayed to God, in whatever name he is called by every person in that room, to restore tolerance to Baguio. I'm sure they also got that message," Kidlat said.

Street children put up art exhibit in Angeles City

ANGELES CITY—Nine street children and an Amerasian adult began on Saturday a four-day joint art exhibit intended to raise awareness and funds for this city's street children.

The works of Hazeline Caballe, June Marcos, Amelita Pascual, Kimberly Icaro, Liezel Moreno, Jefferson Morales, Rosenda Tiamzon, Christopher Somook and Melodina Maguigad are now on display at the City Hall lobby in Barangay Pulong Maragul.

The exhibit, dubbed "Street Kids Plus One," also features the works of Malu Gueco, an Amerasian radio broadcaster, writer and painter.

The paintings depict gardens, picnic grounds in nearby Clark Special Economic Zone, the Holy Eucharist Chapel of the historic Sto. Rosario Church, and Kale Beach in Olongapo City as themes.

The exhibit started in a card-making contest that Gueco began last December.

"We simply wanted to imagine, draw and paint. Fortunately, the Loving Care Street Kids Foundation stepped in to make our dreams come true," she said.

The foundation, which assists 150 street children in the city, provides health care services, monthly kids fellowship and educational and livelihood programs to parents, according to its coordinator, lawyer Noel Flores.

"They have the seeds of artistry and we must support them because through their paintings they are helping their fellow kids," Mayor Carmelo Lazatin said during the exhibit's opening.

The project is a first in the city where children eking a life out of the streets have numbered from 300 to 500, Gueco said.

Proceeds from the sale of the art works would go to the city's street children.

"Street Kids Plus One" is "actually a labor of love pooled together by adults whose hearts brim with love for disadvantaged kids," Gueco said. *Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

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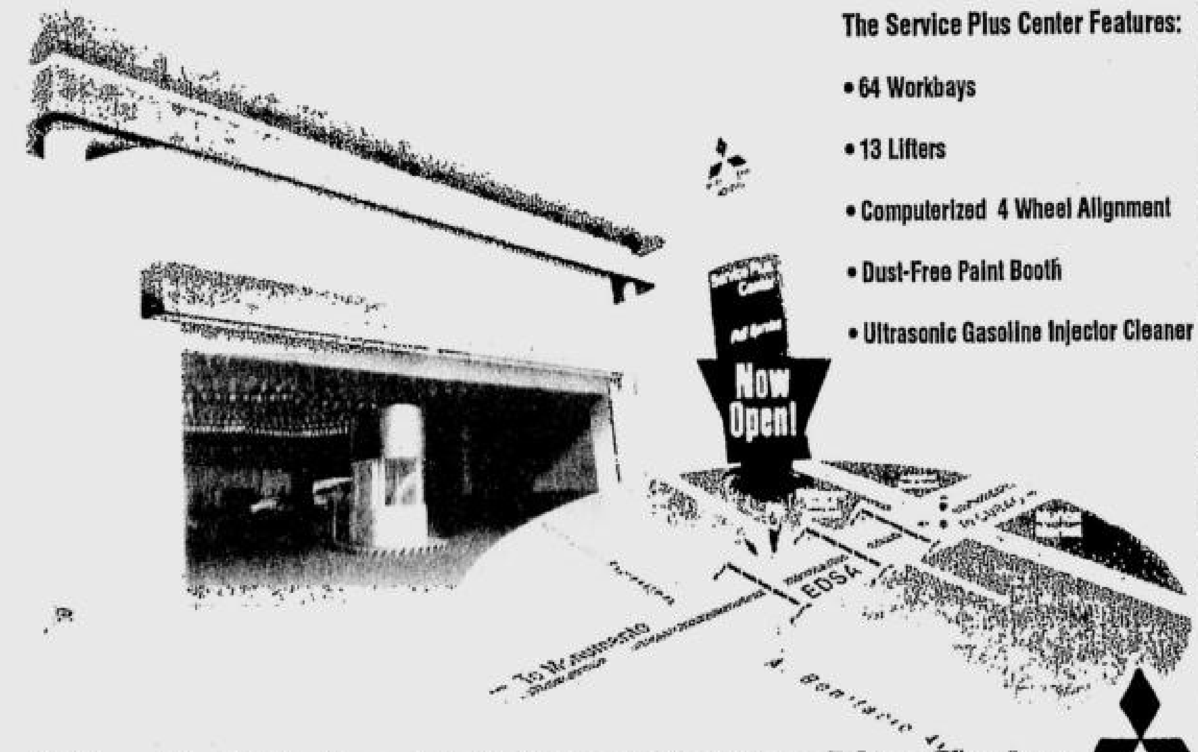
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Cordillera cashes in on Year of the Snake

By Frank Cimatu
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BAGUIO CITY—It has become an oft-repeated joke that if Adam and Eve were Chinese, they would have eaten the serpent instead of the apple.

But the Chinese do not have the monopoly of eating snakes. Filipinos are catching up with their *kilawing sawa* and snake bile wine.

In the Cordillera, snakes are revered for their magical-medicinal properties.

Among the Bontoc peddlers of herbal medicines on Session Road here, the vertebrae of a snake would guarantee immunity from cancer and lightning strikes.

Snake bile is also being sold to cure asthma.

Safe from lightning

Seller Martina Angco said the snake was a kindred spirit of lightning in explaining why wearing snake vertebrae on one's head or as a belt would make one safe from lightning.

The snake vertebrae come from Abra, Apayao and Mt. Province and are sold at P200 each, Angco said.

The dried bile is sold at P50. It is ground and added to tea or water, and the mixture would help those with asthma breath easier, Angco said.

Snake skin is also sold by other peddlers, but this has no reported medicinal value. The skin is being sold as material for belts, wallets or boots.

The late historian William Henry Scott said ancient Filipinos regarded snakes as supernatural forces.

In his book "Looking For Pre-Hispanic Filipinos," Scott said ancient Filipinos look for snakes as portents unwise to ignore, which probably make them portable lightning rods or cancer cures.

"These were indicated by the behavior of birds and reptiles, and could be elicited by casting lots or omen-seeking ceremonies conducted by *babaylans* and other diviners," Scott said.

"Any snake or lizard crossing the path, even among common house lizards that 'spoke to' somebody descending the house stairs, was a warning to turn back."

Cordillerans have been imbibing snake essences for virility.

Faith healer Martin Caoili swears by the power of snake bile wine, which he brings home by the case after healing missions abroad.

He said the first gulp immediately elicits a "kick in the groin."

"I prefer snake wine to Viagra," he said. He, however, warned that finishing the bottle in one session might lead to heart failure because of too much sexual excitement.

He said drinking snake wine regularly in the morning would cleanse the body system. After drinking, one's urine becomes very dark, which means that toxin is being flushed out of the system, he said.

If Mexican tequila is sold with a tiny worm in the bottle, snake bile wine is sold with a snake pickled in the bottle, its body curled and its head at the bottle's mouth.

"So drinking the wine through the bottle is like kissing a snake," Caoili said.

WOMAN sells snake vertebrae on the sidewalk of Session Road.
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Uncooked

Drinkers in Surigao and Misamis Oriental do not drink wine but eat uncooked *sawa* (boa constrictor) as *pulutan* (appetizer).

Ed Alegre and Doreen Fernandez, in their book "Kinilaw," said *sawa* was eaten as *kilawin* (meat, fish or vegetable cooked in vinegar) in Marihatag, Surigao del Sur, and in Lagonglong, Misamis Oriental.

"*Sawa* is skinned, drained of blood and eaten with vinegar and the standard vinegar mix, just like fish," they said.

Other *kinilaw* dishes in these two towns include endangered delicacies, such as *duyong* (dugong or sea cow), *abatud* and *daling-daling*, they said.

Abatud is the larvae of the horned coconut beetle (*uwang*) found in decaying trunks of palm trees, while *daling-daling* are white-winged ants.

Evidently, the Filipinos' appetite for snake is a danger to the ecosystem.

Cobra dishes and snake bile wine are said to cure impotency.

But a Korean study said eating raw snake could be potentially dangerous.

Dr. Huh Sun, associate professor of parasitology at the College of Medicine of Hallym University in Chunchon, South Korea, said parasitic diseases afflicting men originated from eating raw snake meat.

These diseases can cause death in some cases, he said.

Snake soup is an uncanny comfort food for Filipino-Chinese in Baguio City.

Cora Wong, who manages Luisa Café here, said her husband prepares snake soup whenever there is snake meat around.

Asked how the soup tasted, she gave an all-familiar answer: "It tastes just like chicken."

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Just don't call her 'acting President'

BY CHRISTINE AVENDAÑO

WHAT'S in a name?

For newly installed President Macapagal-Arroyo, nothing much.

The President said it does not matter if she is called President Macapagal or President Arroyo.

Nor would it bother her if she is addressed Madame President or Mrs. President.

Just don't call her acting President, though.

Appearing in "The President on GMA" special aired on Friday night, Ms Macapagal said neither did she have any preferences on how the media refers to her in reports.

"Anything. It doesn't matter, those things are superficial," Ms Macapagal told hosts Mel Tiangco, Solita Monsod, Luchie Cruz, Vicky Morales and Jessica Soho when asked how she wanted to be addressed.

She also denied that she had ever expressed a desire to be called President Macapagal.

The President said she and her husband, Jose Miguel Arroyo, haven't even discussed the matter.

Asked whether her husband would mind her being addressed President Macapagal, the daughter of the late President Diosdado Macapagal answered no.

Asked by what he thought, Mr. Arroyo said through an aide that "it was okay" with him if his wife was called by either name.

The 53-year-old President dropped her married name when she entered politics in the early 1990s because her maiden name had easier name recall.

Asked by her television hosts to comment on statements made by ousted President Joseph Estrada and his allies that she was just acting president, Ms Macapagal retorted: "Congress says (I'm President), so did the Senate and so did the whole world."

No coup, Ermita assures

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Estrada earlier said he only temporarily relinquished his powers to Ms Macapagal and referred to her only as "acting president," suggesting he might try to retake Malacañang.

Ermita, however, said there were factors that made the Macapagal presidency less vulnerable to military coup attempts.

For one, he said, Ms Macapagal took her oath of office in the presence of representatives of the other two co-equal branches of government—the judiciary through Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. and Congress through Speaker Arnulfo Fuentebella and Senate President Aquilino Pimentel Jr.

"She is the legitimate constitutional successor," he said.

Ermita said that in the case of Aquino, it was not clear whether she won the snap election against Marcos.

He noted that Aquino also immediately declared a revolutionary government and later convened a Constitutional Commission that rewrote the Constitution.

Instability

"After Edsa I, there was an air of instability," Ermita said, referring to the existence of the then Reform the Armed Forces Movement (RAM) which was led by then Col. Gregorio Honasan, the chief security aide of then Defense Secretary Juan Ponce Enrile.

"They (RAM) wanted to take power. In the present situation, we have nothing like that," Ermita said.

He said he did not foresee any threats from Class 1971 of the Philippine Military Academy to which former police chief Panfilo Lacson, a close associate of Mr. Estrada, belongs. Another member of the class is Honasan, now a senator who remains closely identified with Enrile.

"I believe that those in Class 1971 are professional officers," Ermita said.

Ermita said the key to continued stability partly rested with Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gen. Angelo Reyes who must ensure that the military remains intact and united behind the chain of command.

Ms Macapagal named Ermita as acting defense chief after the former defense secretary, Orlando Mercado, resigned in protest over the appointment of Lisandro Abadia as her national security adviser.

Abadia is a retired general whom Mercado had ordered investigated over military pension funds.

Retired generals

But other retired generals who took part in Edsa II vowed to continue to support the Macapagal administration.

Fortunato Abat, a former defense secretary and commanding general of the Army, said the Federation of Retired Commissioned and Enlisted Soldiers (Forces), would also be keeping a close watch on Ms Macapagal.

"We at Forces will remain vigilant," Abat said. "We will be supportive of the new administration and help ensure that the gains we had at Edsa II will be preserved and further enriched."

Ambassador Ernesto Gidaya, another retired general, said President Macapagal needed the support of everyone.

"We are prepared to support her. We will help," said Gidaya, chair of the Association of General and Flag Officers, a group representing both retired and active star-ranking officers.

In separate interviews, Abat and Gidaya recalled with amusement how Estrada and his officials looked down on retired generals and officers.

EDWIN BACASMAS

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo and National Security Adviser Eduardo Ermita greet military officers on their arrival at Camp Aguinaldo on Sunday.

"They must have learned a lesson," Abat said. "They never knew anything about military tradition and customs."

Last November, Abat's Forces issued a manifesto calling on the AFP and the Philippine National Police to make Estrada realize that his resignation was what the country needed.

The Estrada administration reacted by saying that retired generals should not be taken seriously because they no longer commanded troops.

Erap popularity up in cyberspace

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(www.100hot.com).

Estrada, who was new to the list, was edged out only by Bill Clinton. The former US president has topped the list of political celebrities since the Monica Lewinsky affair broke out in the open.

Newly installed US President George W. Bush, former actor and US President Ronald Reagan and former US President George Bush were behind Estrada. The young Bush was No. 6, Reagan was No. 3, and the elder Bush was No. 5.

Black civil rights leader Jesse Jackson was No. 4.

Pope John Paul II was No. 10, followed by defeated US presidential candidate Al Gore (11).

Former US President Richard Nixon was No. 14, former US first lady and now New York Sen. Hillary Clinton (16), Florida Gov. and presidential brother Jeb Bush (19), former Russian President Boris Yeltsin (20), former US President Jimmy Carter (51) and Queen Elizabeth II (90).

The most updated listing of 100hot.com, which bases its rankings on the actual number of visits to a website every day, was released on Jan. 24, or five days after Estrada was deposed as Philippine president.

Curiously, Estrada's successor, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, did not even land in the list of top politicians cited in 100hot.com's listing.

Users' interest

Estrada's popularity was largely due to the interest of Internet users worldwide in his mistresses, mansions and alleged misdeeds and the resulting street protests that led to his ouster after 31 months in office.

"The listing tends to show that people who surf the Web would rather look and dig up news and information concerning political figures mired in controversy, rather than those about established and well-respected leaders. For one, both Clinton and Estrada were known womanizers and faced impeachment trial in Congress," a Web analyst from the Washington-based Go2 Networks said in a discussion group. Go2 operates 100hot.com and other leading Web portals.

Another forum participant, this time a Filipino, said: "Well, perhaps Estrada is happy now as he turns out to be a very popular figure not only in the Philippines but the entire world, as he had hoped in one of his early interviews as President.

"That was the lesson we learned from him: popularity should not be equated with worthiness. So what Erap failed to achieve through sterling accomplishments while in office, he more than made up for with his ignominious and shenanigan-ridden downfall. Erap, to the end, acted true to form."

The house where young Gloria lived

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train and crown because at 6 years old, she wanted to be another Tarhata Kiram, the first Tausug princess to be educated abroad.

The property where the house stands today was donated by the Macapagals to the city government. The deed of donation was signed without fanfare at the Mapacagal home in Forbes Park in 1992 before then Iligan Mayor Alejo Yanez and two other local officials, Henry Dy and Voltaire Rovira.

The city government restored the house at a cost of P600,000, but its upkeep has been plagued by lack of funds.

Some of the family's memorabilia are kept somewhere else due to the lack of cabinets and glass cases.

Inevitably, some of the family letters and photographs were destroyed and other museum pieces, such as Evangelina Macapagal's gowns and Gloria's party dresses which were all created by Pitoy Moreno, shoes and bags, perfumes and other personal effects of the family have yet to be shown for public viewing.

INSIDE the Macaraeg-Macapagal house: Framed picture at left shows Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo with Bill Clinton. Another frame is a portrait of Ms Macapagal in her younger years.

BOBBY TIMONERA

Corona . . .

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more people massed at the historic Edsa Shrine.

The people were indignant at a Senate vote against the opening of a second envelope which prosecutors said could contain damaging evidence against Estrada in his impeachment trial.

But for Corona, tension had been running high even before "People Power II."

He figured in the news in November last year when he condemned a "visit" to his home by National Bureau of Investigation agents who tried to pressed their way in, purportedly to do a background check on him for an appointment to the judiciary.

Corona, who was chief of staff of then Vice President Macapagal, cried harassment and intimidation, and blamed the Estrada administration for the incident.

He also accused the Estrada administration of being behind the death threats he had been receiving since Ms Macapagal quit the Cabinet over allegations that Estrada took millions in bribes from "jueteng" and tobacco tax kickbacks.

Scary times

The threats came through telephone calls and electronic pager messages, as well as in the mail, including one letter with an M-16 bullet attached to it.

"Those were scary times, but I told myself that if I was willing to die for my country during the Marcos dictatorship, then what is this? If it's necessary to die, then I die," he said.

Corona attended the Ateneo de Manila University from elementary until college. He also pursued a law degree and a masteral course in Business Administration there.

He had been an active member of groups that sought the ouster of the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos after the 1983 assassination of former Sen. Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino Jr.

A "great admirer" of Aquino, Corona met the opposition leader when he was a Vivian B. Allen scholar at the Harvard law school in the early '80s. Aquino was then on a fellowship at the John F. Kennedy's Center for International Studies.

Corona said he returned home after Aquino's assassination to "make a difference." His family had already migrated to the United States and he had a job in a big law firm in Boston, Massachussetts.

"It was not a case of a person I admired being killed, but that can't a person even disagree? And you have to pay with your life for disagreeing with somebody?" he said.

"There are certain things that happen in your life that you feel to be true to yourself and you have to make a stand on something."

Making a difference

Thus he went home with the thought that Marcos "was abusing the country without any control, without any accountability."

"I was very, very angry. I felt that even in an insignificant way, I wanted to help make a difference," he added.

For that decision, he got a bullet wound in the leg after the then Metrocom (Metropolitan Command) police fired at participants of an anti-Marcos rally in Mendiola in 1983.

"*Ganoon pala ang* feeling. When you're angry, even if the guns and truncheons are before you, you don't feel fear," he said.

Fear was also something he didn't want to dwell on when he began getting death threats for issuing strong statements against the Estrada administration after October last year.

Two bodyguards were sent to secure him. Corona said it was something he didn't need when he served the Ramos administration.

Unknown to many, Corona has an M-16 Armalite inside his car that he clutches tightly whenever he takes the long ride home or to other destinations.

Unlike Dacer

An "avid shooter," he said he knew how to use firearms and was ready to shoot it out with attackers.

Corona said he didn't want to be like his friend, public relations agent Salvador "Bubby" Dacer, who mysteriously disappeared at the height of the jueteng controversy involving Estrada in November.

"I'm not going to allow them to take me. If they intend to kill me, then kill me in the car," he said. "I'm not going to disappear and my whole family will be suffering like the family of Bubby Dacer."

In fact, he said he had instructed his policemen bodyguards that if ever there is an attempt to waylay them on the road, they should start firing their guns.

"Don't wait for them to fire the first shot" was his instruction to them. "*Patay kung patay.*"

Soft side

The tough guy has a soft side, too.

He said he was also an "emotional" person. He was man enough to recall three recent events that made him cry.

The first time, he said, was out of anger, after the Senate voted on Jan. 16 against the opening of the second envelope.

Tears welled in his eyes as well when Ms Macapagal was sworn in as the 14th president of the country before a huge crowd at the Edsa Shrine on Jan. 20.

The crowd and the unexpected turn of events just "overwhelmed" him, he said.

The tears were back while he was listening to the song "Pilipinas kong Mahal" being played when Ms Macapagal attended the flag-raising rites in Malacañang on Jan. 22, her first day in the Palace.

"I was moved by the song," Corona said.

He said he realized that the country was given a second chance by God to do things right and for him, the chance to serve the people.

"I was given the chance to serve on the basis of the great show of patriotism of all people in Edsa. How can you not feel that stirring love for country?" he added.

Now Corona is back in Malacañang, this time as the President's chief of staff, although he said he considered Executive Secretary Renato de Villa his "boss" as well as they would be working together.

'Ramos boy'

Corona also doesn't mind that he's a "Ramos boy," having served throughout Ramos' six-year term as assistant executive secretary for legal affairs, deputy executive secretary and chief presidential legal counsel.

In the former president, Corona sees a father figure, a man for whom he has "deep admiration and respect."

He met Ramos at the height of the anti-Marcos protests and he remembered that the latter was one of the few generals who didn't make any statements against Aquino.

The only misgivings he had with Ramos then was that he, like Marcos, was an Ilocano and that he would toe the dictator's line. He said he was proven wrong.

Corona said he joined the Ramos administration with the group of lawyer Antonio Carpio.

Eventually, when Ramos' term ended in 1998, Corona said he decided to stay with the former president out of loyalty and gratitude, his "guiding principles" in life.

As Ramos' lawyer, he defended him from charges that were raised by the Estrada administration.

Last year, Corona was asked to join then Vice President Macapagal's staff as chief of staff by her husband, Jose Miguel, who is also a lawyer. Both he and Jose Miguel were Ateneans.

Ramos had advised him to serve Ms Macapagal well, he said, as the former chief executive really believed that she would make it as President in 2004.

Working with GMA

Corona expressed admiration for the President's "sharp mind" and her work ethic. She would be up by 5 a.m. and have engagements that lasted till midnight, he noted.

"But no matter how busy she is, she acts immediately on her papers at the Office of the Vice President," he said.

Corona said he also saw Ms Macapagal as someone who does not habitually engage in idle talk. She is very professional, he said.

"I am convinced that with a person like her and who also lives by example, we have hope for this country," he said.

He said he did not want to talk about his family to the media as he wanted to shield them from any public attention.

He also said he didn't want other people to give any privilege to his family because he happened to be in Malacañang.

Corona is especially proud of his three children—two girls and one boy. His eldest daughter recently got married and he is proud of her daughter's husband.

"My children were brought up in the same conservative traditional values we were raised in by my parents," Corona said. His two other siblings are also lawyers.

"They're good wholesome children, they're good citizens and good people," Corona repeatedly said.

Edsa II worries Western media

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cial starting point in understanding the people power phenomena of 1986 and 2001—or in explaining why Filipinos have resolved conflict through street action.

This assumption ignores the dynamics and nuances of Philippine democracy. Hence, it leads to wrong and uninformed conclusions, among which is that People Power Part II is no more than a manifestation of civilized "mob rule."

This article aims to show up the flaws of the analyses based on their perspectives.

Cross-section

Let me sum up a cross-section of comments of the Western liberal press.

Philip Bowring, writing in the International Herald Tribune of Jan. 22, finds little to cheer "in the manner of Mr. Estrada's departure."

While he concedes that the ousting of Estrada has "provided the Philippines with a more competent president in Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, it has left the notion of constitutional democracy in tatters."

Estrada's removal, according to him, "may have been desirable and peaceful, but the end does not justify the means."

I disagree with this argument, as we shall see.

Bowring goes on to say that far from being a victory for democracy as claimed by the anti-Estrada movement and its leaders, such as Jaime Cardinal Sin, the evolution of events has been a defeat for due process.

For many, it merely confirms the fragility of political institutions in the Philippines, giving rise to fears of the "likelihood that the streets will become a regular location for political action," according to Bowring.

Anthony Spaeth echoes a variant of this view in the Jan. 29 issue of Time magazine. The oath-taking of Ms Macapagal, under the prodding of the impatient leaders of the Filipino elite, "perhaps represents confusion between democratic passions and the rule of law," Spaeth writes.

"More likely, though People Power has become its own institution, and one that seems monopolized by a certain clique . . . People Power has become an acceptable term for a troubling phenomenon: one that used to be known as mob rule."

Sandra Burton, a veteran and sometimes perceptive observer of Philippine affairs, writes in the same issue of Time, that while the Filipinos deserved a better president than Estrada, "they had mechanisms to legally change their head of state. The option they chose, popular uprising, while rousing and probably justified, could portend a troubling future for democracy."

The article raises a hypothetical point, in itself a flawed and highly speculative assumption that hardly considers the reality of Filipino politics. It says:

"If 10 million text messages go out and 1 million protesters take to the streets at every crisis—when the elite becomes dissatisfied with the direction of the country, or the military feels that the President has lost his or her mandate, or the Catholic Church views the head of state as immoral—the result is a perfectly healthy, if rambunctious, version of democracy."

But, the article adds, "If those protests lead to constitutionally questionable successions, it becomes a subversion of democracy. Even now, we don't know what percentage of Filipinos wanted Erap to go."

Rich vs poor

Echoing the rich-against-poor theme fostered by Estrada's counterfeit claim that he is pro-poor, the Economist of Jan. 27 observes that the poor had backed Estrada despite his known faults as "their champion against the elites that have run the Philippines since its independence in 1946. Many continued to do so, despite all the evidence that he was corrupt. That speaks volumes about the yawning gap between the haves and the have-nots."

It says that a revolution "that does not change this divide will hardly seem like people power to them."

There's a point to be made about the gap between the rich and the poor that I would like to put in perspective later in this article.

The Far Eastern Economic Review of Feb. 1 has Ms Macapagal for its cover story, with the head "Rich People Power." The inside page head reads "More Power to the Powerful."

The article makes the point that while Edsa I "became a model for civilian uprisings against dictators around the world," Edsa II "is already being criticized as a 'soft coup' that ejected an elected president in order to return the old, wealthy political and business elite to power."

Finally, Lee Kuan Yew, who hardly misses an opportunity to deride American-style Filipino democracy, says that while he expects investment to flow back "cautiously" to Manila after Estrada's ouster, he "would have preferred that Estrada were removed in a constitutional way (i.e., via the impeachment trial) in the Senate.

"I don't think it (People Power) was a plus for the democratic system," Lee says.

Singapore democracy

I shall address Lee's critique first because it is easier to dispose of. His argument has something in common with the perspective of the Western liberal press. It is based on the notion of political stability underpinned by strong institutions that work.

Lee is not the best source of a definition of democracy, but Singapore's political system works for Singapore. While its format derives from the Westminster system, it has the underpinnings of a party system (the People's Action Party, which has monopolized power since independence in the 1960s in a virtual one-party State which the late Ferdinand Marcos tried to imitate but failed during his dictatorship).

Many of the political rights normally enjoyed by Western democracies are curtailed in Singapore. These include curbs on criticisms, especially on certain sensitive issues as racial disharmony in a multiracial society in the media.

Then, there are the restrictive handicaps for the political opposition whose leaders have found to their grief that if they are too critical, the limits of which are defined by the government, they face criminal charges.

But if the Singaporeans have accepted, if not learned to live with, a Lee-style of authoritarianism with all the trappings and forms of the parliamentary system, the explanation is that Lee and his heirs have made a social pact with the Singaporeans. The ruling monolithic party delivers services; in exchange for curbs in political rights, there is an honest and efficient government.

This tradeoff has worked. The system delivers results. The government is efficient, managing the economy well and competently, despite financial crises.

The political institutions work, albeit controlled effectively by the PAP. There are no gridlocks in Parliament.

Lee has criticized Philippine adversarial democracy as prone to gridlocks and political chaos. Lee and his heirs have been perceived to be honest—an element that is lacking in Philippine democracy. The appalling and massive corruption of Marcos and Estrada was the main fuel of the street unrest.

In short, the Lee establishment has kept its part of the social pact. Estrada and Marcos, despite the former's pro-poor rhetoric, did not.

Thus, Lee and his context of political stability, based on strong political institutions, are not the lenses through which the people power phenomena in the Philippines are to be judged.

Lee and other Singaporean leaders have given few opportunities to drive their citizens to the streets. This is not a brief for the Singaporean system.

It is, however, the foundation of my argument that leads to my attack on the myths of stability and strong institutions mounted by the Western liberal media. The next article addresses their critique.

Exile is Estrada's 'call,' says GMA

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that Estrada might escape prosecution.

Nathanael Santiago, Bayan Muna secretary general, said Estrada was not a threat to the new administration because his men had abandoned him.

Church groups are also calling on Ms Macapagal to prosecute Estrada and to punish him and his accomplices for crimes they allegedly committed.

The groups included the Association of Major Religious Superiors of the Philippines, which met Saturday at the Maryhill School of Theology for thanksgiving and reflection.

They urged Ms Macapagal to carry on the fight against corruption and abuse of power by the rich and powerful, and to resist traditional politics.

Their appeal was expressed in a petition letter to be delivered to the President today.

The letter included the following demands:

- Investigate the Dec. 30 bombings and the disappearance of PR man Bubby Dacer.
- Recover the alleged ill-gotten wealth of Estrada and his cronies.
- Protect the gains of People Power II and guard against moves by Estrada and his group, as well as sectors in the military, to seize power.
- Do not appoint to the Cabinet traditional politicians and cronies of the late President Ferdinand Marcos and Estrada.
- Consult people's organizations, NGOs, social movements, civil society groups and individuals committed to justice and democracy.
- Pursue pro-poor policies and programs, especially in agrarian reform.

Other groups behind the petition are the Institute for Formation and Religious Studies, Justice and Peace and Integrity of Creation Committee, Kaalagad-Katipunang Kristiyano, Task Force Detainees, and the Rural Missionaries of the Philippines. *With a report from Philip C. Tubeza*

PHILIPPINE Jaycee SENATE

Republic of the Philippines
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MESSAGE

Nothing can be more appropriate than your theme for the 2001 National Induction of the Philippine Jaycee Senate: ***One People, One Nation.*** *For today, as our beloved country is thrown into deep political turmoil, we are neither one people, nor one nation.*

Today, we see a nation sliced into many divisions. Today, we see a people driven to many factions. Your theme "One People, One Nation" therefore, does not depict the state of our country today. But your theme must be the battle cry of every noble Filipino in his or her desire to overcome these difficult times.

Thus, through organizations like the Philippine Jaycee Senate, I hope we can begin picking up the fragmented pieces that mirror the shattered unity among us Filipinos. As a leadership development organization, the Philippine Jaycee Senate must blaze the trail in fostering unity amidst a seeming tide of divisiveness. We must set aside personal interests, political partisanship and selfish desires. Instead, let us work hand in hand in uniting our country.

We owe this to our beloved Philippines. We owe this to the succeeding generations of Filipinos who shall come after us. We must live together as one people. For we have, but only one nation.

God bless the Philippines.

AQUILINO Q. PIMENTEL, JR.

Senate President Pimentel guest speaker of 33rd induction

Sen. A. Pimentel, Jr.

Senate President Aquilino Pimentel Jr. will be the guest speaker during the 33rd induction ceremonies of the national organization. He is expected to enjoin the Jaycee senators to act together and help in the country's full recovery from political and economic turmoil.

AFP Chief of Staff Angelo T. Reyes inducts Jaycee Senators today

Armed Forces of the Philippines Chief of Staff Gen. Angelo T. Reyes will induct the officers and directors of Philippine Jaycee Senate during induction ceremonies at New World Renaissance Hotel, Makati City.

Gen. Angelo T.Reyes

General Reyes, who is a Jaycee senator himself, takes time out from his official duties to induct incoming President John A. Bautista, Executive Vice President Manny C. Arceno Jr., and 21 others. He will also give an inspirational talk before the Jaycee senators, former Jaycee members who distinguished themselves in pursuing the ideals of Jayceeism.

Jaycee Senate committees gear up for 2001 projects

The Philippine Jaycee Senate's program for 2001 will be implemented by officers and chairmen of the organization's standing committees.

The committee chairmen and other appointed officers include: JCI Sen. Alfonso S. Marana, *TOFIL*; Jose U. Sevilla, *Trade Forum;* Cecilio Pedro, *Responsible Citizenship*; Crispulo Fernandez, Jr. *Regional Structuring*; Renato A. Florencio, *ASEAN Jaycee Senate*; Renato Lim, *Vice Chair ASEAN*; Joselito Caballero, *Membership*; Delfin J. Wenceslao, *Advocacy*; Emmanuel A. Bamba, *Environmental Concern*; Prospero M. Madamba, *P. R.O.;* Harish N. Nandwani, *Water for Public School Children*; Rene O. Fournier, *Directory and I.D.;* Normando Toledo, *Good Government*; Elmer F. Santos, *Government Affairs*; Anastacio E. Doria Jr., *Golf Tournament*; Anastacio T. Muntuerto, *ELECOM Chair;* Iluminado B. Montemayor, *ELECOM Member* (Luzon); Jose Valenzuela, *ELECOM Member (Mindanao)*; Rene O. Fournier, Conrado G. Carlos, Jr., *Presidential Assistants*; and Celedonio S. Pile, Newsletter.

PJS Main Program for 2001

- Three-fold increase in number of involved senator;
- Monthly Newsletter "The Senator" and Presidents' Reports
- The Outstanding Filipino (TOFIL) Awards
- Trade Forum
- Extensive use of e-mail, website, and Internet facilities
- Joint project with DENR

Philippine Jaycee Senate Adopts

"ONE PEOPLE, ONE NATION"

National Theme for 2001

Let us act together! - Pres. JOHN A. BAUTISTA

To be a JCI Senator is to be accorded the highest award an individual Jaycee can get. JCI Senatorship is a recognition of the Jaycee's extraordinary contribution towards attainment of the objectives of the organization.

In the Jaycee Senate, we relive our past activities, relish memories of our leadership training, and renew friendship among ourselves. We become part of a dynamic group that serves as a vehicle to express our stand concerning national issues. Our past experiences as Jaycees and our present awareness of current issues combine to enable us to help shape not only our own future but that of our nation.

Our country is at present confronted with seemingly insurmountable problems: social, economic, and political. Our government has been taking steps to alleviate, if not to totally eradicate these problems. These moves are unfortunately inadequate. The private sector, the citizenry, must contribute its share in solving the problems and bringing the country back on its feet.

The Jaycee organization has already given birth to many leaders of government and captains of industries. It has produced leaders who have been tasked to restore social, economic, and political stability in our country.

As the Philippine Jaycee Senate, we have the inherent duty to help find solutions to our country's ills and problems. We can bring to the attention of our nation's stewards our own analysis about the problems and our recommendations on solving them. Moreover, we can act and help solve ourselves some of the problems.

Our PJS Theme for the year 2001 is **"One People, One Nation"**. Let us all manifest being part of one Filipino people - one Filipino nation. During our meetings and conferences, let us gather ideas and suggestions from our highly qualified members. Let us have a collective voice of experienced leaders and concerned members. We are **"One People, One Nation"**. Not only can our national organization be ***heard*** by our government; we can ***act jointly*** with our government.

For the year 2001, let us not only proclaim our theme: **"One People, One Nation"**. Let us not only hear others talk about **"One People, One Nation"**. For our PJS activities and projects, let us put our minds together. Let us join our hearts together. **LET US ACT TOGETHER AS "ONE PEOPLE, ONE NATION".**

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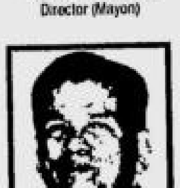
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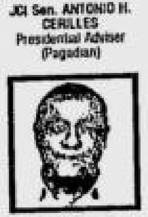
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AUSSIE OPEN FINAL

Agassi swamps foe

MELBOURNE, Australia—Andre Agassi no longer feels the need to be flashy. He wore a bland black and white outfit to work Sunday, then played tennis that was smart and steady rather than spectacular.

The approach worked. Agassi won his third Australian Open title by dominating a baseline battle with surprise finalist Arnaud Clement 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.

"I was down here with a purpose," Agassi said. "It was great for it to turn out the way it did."

The Grand Slam tournament title is his seventh, including four since he turned 29 two years ago.

When Agassi cracked a backhand winner on the first championship point, he doffed his cap, shook hands with Clement, raised his fists and blew a kiss to his girlfriend, Steffi Graf. Then Agassi responded to a standing ovation with his customary bow to the four sides of the stadium.

Agassi, the defending Australian Open champion, won a major tournament in back-to-back years for the first time. He was also the Australian Open champion in 1995.

"You never know when the last time you're going to be here is," Agassi said during the trophy ceremony. "It never ceases to be overwhelming. All the work and all the training that goes into putting yourself in this position is difficult and hard, but it's worth it."

After signing hundreds of autographs and doing countless media interviews, Agassi later celebrated his win by jumping into the Yarra River that winds through Melbourne's city center.

Jim Courier celebrated his back-to-back wins Down Under in 1992 and '93 by diving into the Yarra for a swim. Agassi, the first person to win back-to-back titles at Melbourne Park since then, reportedly reproduced the stunt in a private celebration with his coach Brad Gilbert.

Clement, gracious in defeat, apologized for his poor English and then read a long prepared speech that charmed the crowd.

"To compete in a Grand Slam final is something that seems unreal to me," Clement said. "I would like to congratulate Andre for his tournament and his fantastic career."

The sixth-seeded Agassi controlled most of the rallies and wore down the speedy, 64-kilogram (142-pound) Clement by running him from side to side. It was a smart tactic because the 15th-seeded Frenchman was coming off the longest match of the tournament, a four-hour, five-set semifinal win Friday over countryman Sebastien Grosjean.

Agassi enjoyed another advantage: experience. He was playing in his 12th Grand Slam tournament final, Clement his first. Clement was the first Frenchman to reach the Australian Open final since Jean Borotra in 1928.

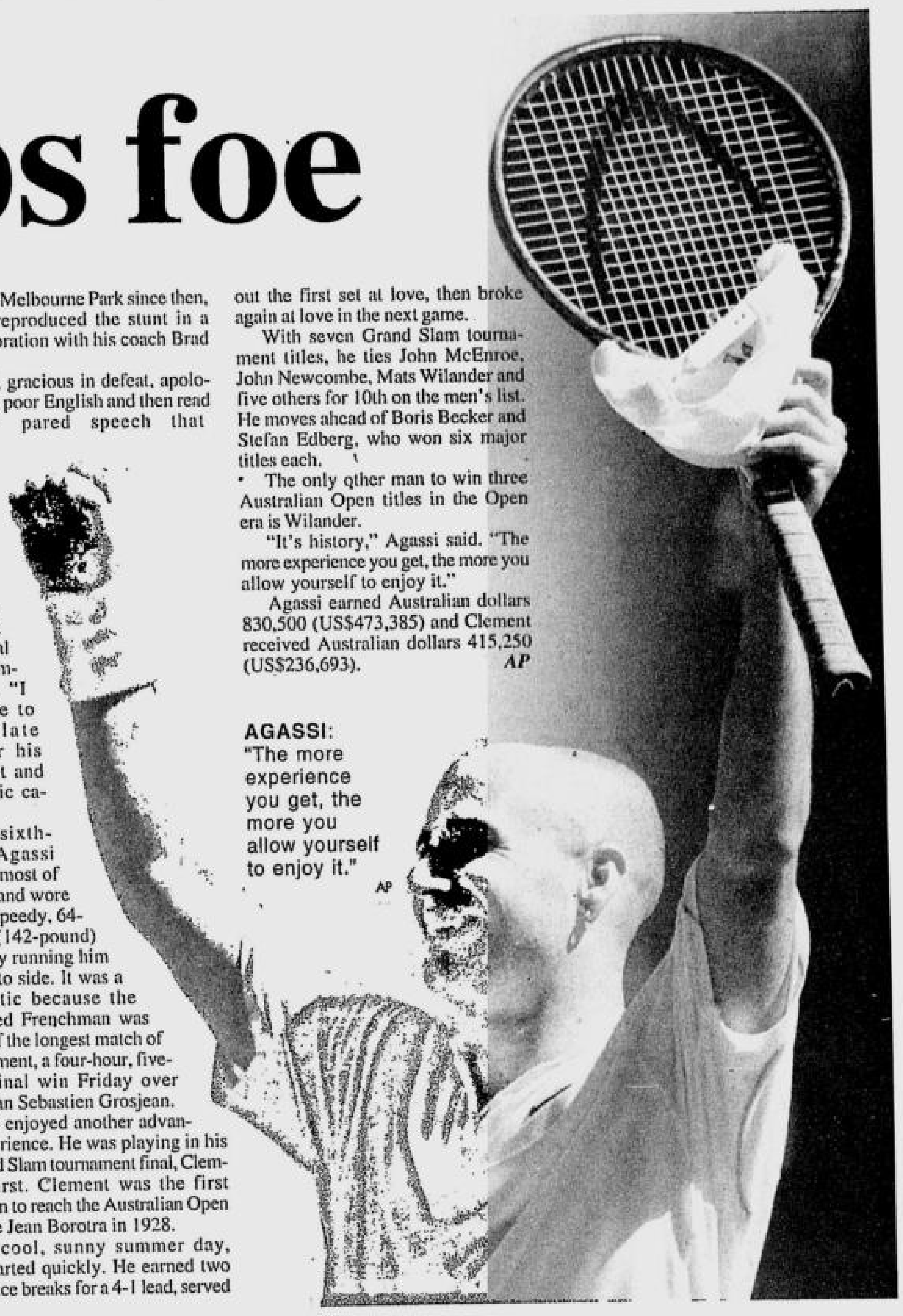
On a cool, sunny summer day, Agassi started quickly. He earned two early service breaks for a 4-1 lead, served out the first set at love, then broke again at love in the next game.

With seven Grand Slam tournament titles, he ties John McEnroe, John Newcombe, Mats Wilander and five others for 10th on the men's list. He moves ahead of Boris Becker and Stefan Edberg, who won six major titles each.

• The only other man to win three Australian Open titles in the Open era is Wilander.

"It's history," Agassi said. "The more experience you get, the more you allow yourself to enjoy it."

Agassi earned Australian dollars 830,500 (US$473,385) and Clement received Australian dollars 415,250 (US$236,693). *AP*



AGASSI: "The more experience you get, the more you allow yourself to enjoy it." AP

Danny I . . .

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thing about it."

"It's okay, I won't hold ill feeling toward them," said Ildefonso before finally leaving.

He has been displaying professionalism in the truest sense of the word, opting to join SMB practices even though he signed the Tanduay offer sheet.

"As long as the offer sheet remains pending, I belong to San Miguel," said Ildefonso. "I will show up in our (SMB) practice tomorrow."

The Aces leaned on Rodney Santos back-to-back hits to silence the rampage made by the Realtors' rookies like Francis Adriano, Jercules Tangkay and Felix Belano.

Though it was obvious the Aces have yet to fine tune their triangle offense with new faces on the fold, their endgame savvy still proved to be effective.

In fact, it enabled Alaska to survive the loss of Ali Peek, who was thrown out for elbowing Adriano early in the fourth quarter.

Adriano, Tangkay and Belano each had their shining moments in their debut through Paolo Mendoza's equally splendid playmaking that kept SLR in the thick of the fight.

The scores:

ALASKA 91—Peek 25, Duremdes 17, Santos 14, Wallkvist 13, Allado 11, Arigo 7, Reyes 2, Gahol 2, Evans 0, Ticzon 0, Antonio 0.

STA. LUCIA 84—Aquino 19, Adriano 18, Mendoza 16, Espino 16, Tangkay 8, Belano 5, Francisco 2, Del Rosario 0, Ortiguerra 0.

Quarters: 23-22, 40-40, 63-59, 91-84.

ALASKA'S Don Allado (8) foils an attempt by Sta. Lucia rookie Jercules Tangkay during their opening game yesterday at the Araneta Coliseum. Alaska won, 91-84.

JOAN BONDOC

Calcavecchia still up by 5 strokes

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona—Mark Calcavecchia's day ended before it was halfway done. Cold and rain didn't dent his big lead in the Phoenix Open, but lightning and hail finally stopped him short.

A dreary day in the desert was anything but that for Calcavecchia, who played 2 under for eight holes Saturday to keep the five-shot lead he built a day earlier by shooting a 60 on the TPC of Scottsdale course.

Keeping warm with mittens he borrowed from a maintenance worker, Calcavecchia got to 19 under for the tournament, five ahead of Scott Verplank and a half dozen in front of Rocco Mediate when play was finally halted because of lightning and hail.

Tiger Woods was 14 shots back after playing 17 holes in 1 under. *AP*

Carter out in 'slam'

NBA NOTES

Henry Liao

IT'S definite. The NBA's most electrifying slam-dunker, Toronto Raptors star Vince Carter, is not defending his crown in the Slam Dunk championship to be held at the MCI Center in Washington, DC, on Feb. 10 as part of the All-Star Weekend festivities.

The 6-7 guard, who does not like to be known just for his jams, declined to participate because of soreness in his left knee. This was the injury that caused him to miss five games earlier this season.

A year ago, the high-flying Carter gof a perfect 50 points (10 each from the five judges) on three of his five dunks to romp away with the title over five other contestants. He defeated Houston playmaker Steve Francis in the three-man final round to earn the top prize of $25,000. Tracy McGrady, then of Toronto and now of Orlando, wound up third.

As of this writing, the participants to this year's slam dunk championship have yet to be announced although Carter's absence certainly robbed the All-Star Saturday event much of its luster. Another questionable prospect is the LA Lakers' Kobe Bryant, the 1997 winner as a rookie NBA pro out of the prep school.

Nonetheless, Carter and Bryant are expected to suit up in the regular All-Star Game on Feb. 11 (Feb. 12, Manila time). Both were selected to the starting lineups of the East and West teams, respectively, in balloting by the fans. Carter was the leading vote-collector for the mid-winter showcase.

Like the Slam Dunk Championship, there will be a no-repeat champion in this year's three-point shootout as the 1998 and 2000 winner, former Utah guard Jeff Hornacek, retired prior to this season.

Moreover, a first-time winner will emerge in the 15-year All-Star Saturday event since all eight entries have never captured the championship in the past.

Contending for the crown this year are Milwaukee's Ray Allen, Orlando's Pat Garrity, Houston's Allan Houston, Seattle's Rashard Lewis, Dirt Nowitzki and Steve Nash of Dallas, Bryon Russel of Utah and Predrag Stajakovic of Sacramento.

All are among the NBA's top 10 in three-point field goal percentage this season. However, the league leader, Jazz playmaker John Stockton, is a no-show,

Masters voted best course

THE MASTERS Course of the Manila Southwoods Golf and Country Club in Carmona, Cavite was recently adjudged as the best golf course in the Philippines and first runner-up as Asia's best championship course by the Asian Golf Monthly.

This was disclosed by Jeric Hechanova, golf director of Manila Southwoods, who received the formal notice from publisher Spencer Robinson.

Asian Golf Monthly, the Asia-Pacific rim's leading golf magazine, based its decision on the votes cast by its readers around the region.

The formal awarding for the winners will be held on Feb. 22 during the opening ceremony of the PGA Show of Asia at the Singapore Expo Hall 6. Abdullah Tarmugi, Minister for Community Development and Sports, has been invited to grace the event.

Manila Southwoods, site of the 1996 World Amateur Championship and numerous Philippine Opens and other legs of the Asian PGA, has also been recognized by the INQUIRER Golf Monthly as the best golf course in 1998 and as the Asian PGA Tour Host Venue of the Year for 1999.

The Manila Southwoods' 36-hole layout (the other par 72 championship course is the Legends) were designed by Golfer of the Century Jack Nicklaus.

Meanwhile, more than 20 members of the Philippine Sportswriters Association will compete in the last leg of the Fil-Estate-PSA golf series at the Legends course sponsored by the Fil-Estate Group of Companies.

A press conference will be held after the event with a four-leg golf circuit to be launched by Manila Southwoods chair Robert John L. Sobrepeña.

Derby weights submission set

OFFICIAL entries to the Mandaluyong International 9-Cock Derby are due for submission tomorrow, from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Mandaluyong Coliseum.

The event will be held on Jan. 30, Feb. 1 and 3.

Hosted by businessman-sportsman Vic Yu, the three-day cockfest is sponsored by Pagcor Casino-Filipino and Sagupaan Super Feeds, in cooperation with Lakpue Drug Inc.

Already in town are Americans pit stars led by Chuck Berry of Oklahoma, Paul Sparks of Alabama, Bobby Jones of Texoma Game Club (Texas), Gregg Ayroso of California, Travis Clark of Stone County, Missouri and George Torres and Gerry Douglas of California and Puerto Rican Ruben Rodriguez.

Sportsman Danding Cojuangco's Bumble Bee Balbina, handled by the famous Fil-Am cocker Richard Bates, is the defending champion (9-0), Berry was solo runner-up last year with an 8-1 winn-loss record.

Avon run gets boost

FOR THE second straight year, The Peninsula Manila is backing the Avon running 10K National Championship set Sunday, Feb. 18, in Makati.

With its designation as the official sponsor, The Peninsula Manila is expected to help Avon in its bid to host the Avon Running Global Women's Circuit 10K Championship in the year 2003 with other bids to come from Malaysia, Thailand and Germany.

"This is one of the major reasons why this year's Avon 10K finals is being held in Makati. We want to project the best and most modern side of the country," said Louie Migne, Avon Phils. PR manager.

The Avon running 10K finals on Feb. 18 is also supported by Avon Teen Colors and Avon Fashion Missy collections.

Aside from Marigen Campos, winner of the Avon regional run in Bacolod last year, Avon is also sponsoring the participation of the top regional runners from Davao, Cebu, Cagayan de Oro, and Baguio in the finals, making the event truly a national championship.

Registration is ongoing at the Greenhills theater lobby and at the Avon branches in Makati, Taft Ave., Edsa, Shaw Blvd., Las Piñas, Sampaloc and Malolos.

Ravens, Giants collide

TAMPA, Florida—It was 3:30 in the morning when the Baltimore Ravens returned home after winning a berth in the Super Bowl and the team was astonished to see 5,000 fans shivering in the snow and cold to greet them.

"It was gratifying to see the cars lined up and the throng of people in the cold," Ravens coach Brian Billick said. "Kids and old people. I also noticed a number of crushed beer cans. They kept warm in a lot of ways."

Baltimore's American football fans have had to be inventive in a 30-year gap between their Colts' 1971 Super Bowl victory and Sunday's (Monday in Manila) Super Bowl matchup between their new team, the Ravens, and the New York Giants.

In between came the heartbreaking 1984 move of the Colts to Indianapolis under cover of night, the snub by National Football League officials when they expanded and finally the 1996 relocation of the Cleveland Browns to Baltimore. *AFP*

SPORTSWATCH

Injured Hill, Mourning make it

NEW YORK—Miami's Alonzo Mourning has been sidelined all season and Orlando's Grant Hill has played in only four games, yet their reputations helped them make the Eastern Conference team for the 50th NBA All-Star game. Mourning, out with a kidney ailment, received 917,866 votes at center, and Hill, on the disabled list with a broken left ankle, collected 904,885 votes at forward in the fan balloting announced Saturday. It was the sixth time both Mourning and Hill were selected to the team. Toronto's Vince Carter, the NBA's third-leading scorer with a 28.4 average going into Saturday's games, led the voting for the second straight year. Carter received 1,717,687 votes out of the more than 4.8 million ballots cast. Mourning, Hill and Carter were joined on the East's starting lineup by guards Allen Iverson of Philadelphia (1,508,142) and Tracy McGrady of Orlando (827,122). Absent from the East's starting lineup was Detroit's Jerry Stackhouse, the league's leading scorer at 30 points per game. **Complete results**—San Antonio 99, Utah 86; Toronto 90, Chicago 80; Minnesota 93, Portland 80; Miami 81, Orlando 59; Houston 110, Charlotte 97; Atlanta 101, Cleveland 90; Washington 89, Phoenix 82; Detroit 108, Milwaukee 103; Denver 102, Dallas 100; Seattle 106, New Jersey 97; Sacramento 101, LA Clippers 89. *AP*

Burlington ties up with Slazenger

TOP hosiery maker and sports patron Burlington Industries Philippines recently teamed up with the Dunlop-Slazenger Int'l Inc. to produce Slazenger socks for the local market. Ruddy Tan and Cecile Reyes, general managers of Burlington and Slazenger, respectively, signed the licensing agreement for their firms. Roland So, former tennis champion, joined Tan and Reyes in the signing ceremony. BIP, which manufactures Burlington, Puma and Bally socks, will make the Slazenger socks available soon to sports enthusiasts.

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AMERICAN FOOTBALL: NFL Superbowl at 7 a.m. (r- 10 p.m.) on ESPN
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World Cup bowlers cry foul!

CLEAN LIVING

Manolo R. Iñigo

"PATAS-PATAS," the Filipino word for equal treatment is a word used frequently in sports. But sadly, the sports incentives bill now pending in Congress does not apply to deserving athletes and coaches whose events are not in the Olympic calendar like bowling, billiards and golf.

That is why, I am appealing to our lawmakers to see to it that outstanding athletes, in particular Bowling World Cup players, be accorded the same recognition given to medal winners of the Olympic Games. Disheartened World Cup bowlers said the unequal treatment in the proposed bill places them at a disadvantage. For clearly, these bowlers will not be recognized or considered as beneficiaries of the landmark bill once it approved simply because bowling is not in the Olympic calendar and that the World Cup is held annually. (The bill provides cash rewards and/or non-monetary incentives to national athletes who have brought honor and recognition to our country by winning in international competitions which are sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) or held every four years—MRI).

The bowling World Cup is widely accepted as the biggest annual event for tenpin bowling, with more than 80 countries competing for honors. Although it is not an Olympic event, it has been recognized by the IOC no less when it awarded four-time World cup champion Paeng Nepomuceno the IOC President's Trophy in 1999.

Consider, too that Nepomuceno was listed in the prestigious Guinness Book of Records mainly because of his World Cup exploits and more than 100 major tournament stories. And as interestingly, Nepomuceno earned that spot in "Guinness" when there are thousands of Olympic gold medal winners yet only a few made it to the elite book.

Aside from Nepomuceno, the late Lita dela Rosa and Bong Coo are also Bowling World Cup champions. Runners-up from the Philippines are Loreto Maranan, Manny Magno, Beec Watanabe, Diana Tamlimco and Rene Reyes. All those bowlers will be affected by the non-inclusion of the annual World Cup from the sports incentives bill.

Our lawmakers should see to it that "patas-patas" is applied to all Filipino athletes, not only in bowling, but also in billiards and golf as well, if they expect popular acceptance of their treatment of sports.

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SPORTS TRIVIA. In the 1978 World Basketball Championship played here, the Philippines was represented by a team composed mostly of fresh college graduates with no outstanding shooters since most of the top forwards have joined the professional Philippine Basketball Association. The shooters in the national team's were20-year-old Steve Watson, Federico Lauchengeo, 23; Ramon Cruz, the team's 22-year-old top shooting guard; and Alex Clariño, 21, a five-time member of the Philippine team to Asian tournaments. The team was coached by 36-year-old Nic Jorge Jr., once a scoring terror in the UAAP representing the University of the Philippines. Skip Agcaoili and Nemie Villegas were his assistant coaches. The team was one of the tallest ever assembled averaging six feet, two inches in height. As host country, the Philippines gained outright entry into the round of eight but the team hardly made an impact on the star-studded field and failed to duplicate the third-place finish of their elders in the 1954 world cagefest in Rio de Janeiro.

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Jacinto, pal top Bill Shaw meet

RAY Jacinto and his guest partner Jerry Lim Bonhai showed up a 158-team field, winning the 12th edition of the Bill Shaw Memorial Golf Classic by a mere two points at the Wack Wack Golf and Country Club over the weekend.

Jacinto and Bonhai, playing in Group III, amassed 102 points to beat the tandems of Bong Tan-Marvin Dy and Felipe Chan-Elbert Valencia for the top plum of the annual member-guest invitational of Wack Wack.

The low gross award went to Claro Ben Lim Jr. and Jerome Dalariarte who nipped the duo of national team standout Gerard Cantada and INQUIRER sports editor Al Mendoza by one with their 70-66 rounds at the east and west courses.

Tan and Dy settled for the Group I crown with their 100-point effort, finishing five points ahead of Ruben Reyes-Abraham Bagasin and Benjie Guevarr-Manoling Chan.

Chan and Valencia (Group III) and Marcos Aragon-Antonio Rivera (Group II) completed the winners' roster of the tourney that had Golforce, Tanduay Distillery, Citigold, Priority Banking, Omega, Northwest and GNC health products as major sponsors.

The hole-in-one sponsors were Toyota-Otis, Toyota Motors Phils., Northwest, Kymco and Parform/House of Kangaroo. Hole sponsors included PCSO, DBP, William Shaw Foundation, Unilever, Ms Saigon, Amanpulo, Discovery Suites, Rep. Gilberto Duavit, Philippine Sports Commission, Pacsports, GG&As Clubshares, Philippine Junior Golf Federation, Pyramid Construction, Kameraworld, Fortune Tobacco, Red Ribbon, Asia Brewery, Citra Metro Tollways, Samsung, Fisherman's Friend, Alternative Beverage, K-Swiss, Fort Bonifacio Dev't. Corp., Clear Blue, EuroAsia Marble & Granite, Perform/House of Kangaroo, UCC Vienna Coffee, Lipton Tea and Bankard, a YGC Company.

Aragon and Rivera actually ended up tied with John Perfecto and Jose Luis Casal at 98 points but prevailed in the countback. Former jungolf star Cosco Oben and Anthony Nazareno took third with their 96.

Chan and Valencia finished three points clear of Herbert Dee and Timothy Lim and five ahead of Antono and A.A. Legarda.

Club president Ben Abalos, the newly appointed MMDA chair, graced the affair and joined sports and games chair Tonichi Tuason in awarding the prizes to the winners.

Alabang all set for 'Tee'

THE ALABANG Country Club is abuzz as it enters the final week of preparations for the 17th Mango Tee, the trend-setter in member-guest invitationals of Metro Manila most popular clubs which is set Feb. 1-4.

The organizing committee and the club's workforce are gearing up for a busy week as activities from sunup all the way past sundown will surely keep the 260 teams from leaving the Ayala-Alabang premises.

Daily perks begin with free cinnamon rolls from Cinnabon and steaming coffee and end with a fellowship cocktail each night with live entertainment and raffle prizes.

First night cocktails will feature comedian Gary Lising as emcee being a product endorser of the sponsorign Immuvit multi-vitamins. San Miguel Beer will be the bar host for the Friday night affair while Ralph's Wine takes care of the Saturday bash in tandem with Alabang's F&B concessionaire Skyline.

Top honchos of Smart Communications, the major sponsor, are joining the field with CEO Nap Nazareno, COO Don Rae, TSI pres Greg Atienza, admin head Mon Fernandez and marektign chief Boy Martirez in the roster. Hole-in-one sponsor Mitsubishi will be represented by CEO Makoto Maeda, senior EVP Y. Kurata and EVP Nario Hada.

Key personalities who have signed up are Sen. Rene Cayetano, Mayor Joey Marquez, Philippine Sports Commissioner Richie Garcia, Riviera president Danny Pizarro, Manila Golf GM Joe Crespo, Ogie Manalo and Joe Abejo, proponent of the senior care card of the Federation of Golf Clubs.

Sponsors who joined the bandwagon of supporters of the Mango Tee of late are Nestle Omega, Kraft Foods, UCPB, The Pearl Manila Hotel, Ionized by Allmasters, Retail Specialists, Mandarin Oriental Hotel and Cannele Food Corp.

"The banners, streamers and buntings being set up all over the club herald the impending flurry of activity in Alabang Country Club. We're all set for the big party," said chief organizer Jun Galindez.

Rotary entries swell

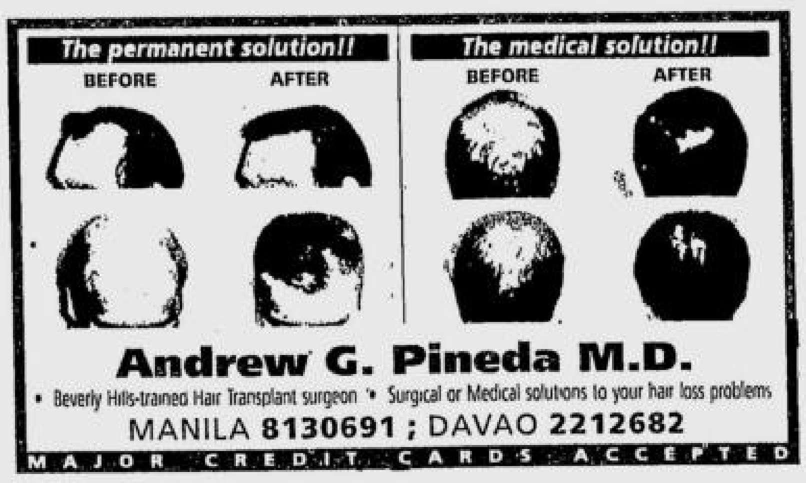
PARTICIPATION is now piling up for the 15th Rotary Golfing Foundation of the Philippines Golf Tournament to be held in Baguio City on Feb. 7-11 with the Rotary Club of Mandaluyong, RC Makati Southwest, RC Metro West Triangle and RC Tumon Bay, Guan all signing up recently.

Tournament chair Nonoy Braga announced that aside from the many tournament prizes at stake, there will be other interesting side-events.

Baguio Country Club also announced that they will be allowing free practice to all RGFFP participants.

RGFFP chair Oscar de Venecia, meanwhile, lauded the continued support of companies to the Foundation led by Seaboard Eastern Insurance which is putting up P1-million prize.

Registration fee is P5,000 if paid on or before the deadline of Jan. 29.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Rosales boosts chances in Miami

FILIPINO ace Jennifer Rosales birdied two of the last three holes for a two-under-par 70 that boosted her hopes for a breakthrough victory as she kept herself within three strokes off the joint leaders after the third round of $825,000 The Office Depot in Miami, Florida. Rosales' big charge at the Blue Monster course at Doral saw her jump from a tie for 15th to a share of ninth spot with LPGA Hall of Famer Juli Inkster and four others with a 54-hole total of 212. Dorothy Delasin, last year's Rookie of the Year getting off to a bad start, had a 42 in the back nine on the way to a 76 and was far behind at 222. Michele Redman and Grace Park fired a 67 and a 70, respectively, to show the way after 54 holes at 209, one shot clear of Laura Diaz, Vicki Goetze-Ackerman and Karrie Webb, the Aussie star who is going for her third straight Office Depot title.

Jong Arcano

BAP head hits sports bodies

BASKETBALL Association of the Philippines president Tiny Literal yesterday lashed out at the Philippine Olympic Committee and the Philippine Sports Commission for siding with ousted president Freddie Jalasco. Literal said that the arbitration hearing that POC president Celso Dayrit set is an exercise in futility because "it will side with Jalasco no matter how strong the board's clamor is against him anyway."

Danny I barred from parade

Alaska subdues Sta. Lucia, 91-84

GAMES WEDNESDAY *(Philsports)*
5:15 p.m. – Tanduay vs Purefoods
7:30 p.m. – San Miguel vs Ginebra

By Marc Anthony Reyes

DANNY Ildefonso upstaged everybody during yesterday's PBA 2001 season opening ceremony at the Araneta Coliseum.

The controversial 6-foot-6 slotman—focus of the famous 16-year, P96-million offer sheet by Tanduay—walked out of the rites fuming mad after being prevented from joining the traditional parade of teams.

"I regret that I showed up here," said the 24-year-old Ildefonso, who unabashedly broke into tears over the shabby treatment he got. He quickly left the Big Dome after the incident.

PBA commissioner Jun Bernardino explained that Ildefonso "technically has no team" and therefore can't be allowed to join either San Miguel Beer or Tanduay Gold.

Later in the harcourt, defending champion Alaska Milk struggled through an error-prone game and a gutsy Sta. Lucia Realty to prevail, 91-84, in the lone game that ushered in the new season.

The Rhummasters made the offer sheet but the Beermen have yet to match the offer, whose validity is still being determined by the league.

"They should have told me earlier to prevent humiliation," said Ildefonso in Filipino while still dressed in SMB's light jersey. "I waited for so long for the ceremony to start. I even attended the dressed rehearsal."

Up on queue when the SMB lineup was being called, the 2000 MVP was shocked when the coliseum barker skipped his name.

SMB coach Jong Uichico went to Ildefonso's defense, blaming the program director for the mix-up.

"I was the one who invited Danny I. to join the parade as a Beerman," said Uichico. "But that's commissioner Bernardino's decision and we can't do any

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MSD HEALTH NEWS

Did you know that a high percentage of patients do not comply with their treatment plan? Noncompliance of patients to follow the advice or directions given by their doctor is a substantial problem in medical settings. There are varying degrees of compliance - a patient may be totally, partially, occasionally, or never compliant.

Factors for Noncompliance:

There are many ways in which patients fail to follow their treatment plans. Noncompliance commonly occurs with regard to seeking and maintaining treatment, or with regard to filling prescriptions and taking medications. Patients with heart problems, for instance, are often prescribed multiple medications to manage their condition. Some patients may decide to eliminate some or all of their heart medications out of concern for becoming dependent on or resistant to a drug or because they may or may not feel better. Ask yourself whether you have or are currently engaging in any noncompliant behavior that may involve any of the following:

Do you...

- *delay seeking medical attention?*
- *fail to keep medical appointments?*
- *end treatment early?*
- *substitute your own treatment plan for one that has been prescribed?*
- *follow treatment instructions only partially?*
- *fail to get prescriptions filled?*
- *fail to completely follow all instructions for taking your medication?*
- *fill the prescription but only take a portion of it, or none at all?*
- *take medications that have not been prescribed for you?*

Why is Patient Compliance Important?

Consequences of Noncompliance:

A wide range of consequences can result from noncompliance with your treatment plan. While some of these may seem minor, one serious result may involve the worsening of your medical condition that could lead to life-threatening complications. Some other possible consequences of treatment noncompliance are:

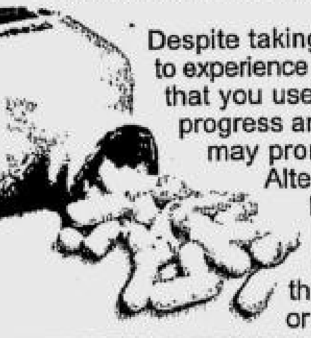
- the need for alternative treatments or additional medications
- increased doctor visits and unnecessary diagnostic tests
- personal injury
- the need for emergency care
- the need for hospitalization

Factors that can keep you from following your Treatment Plan:

There are a number of variables that may prevent you from complying with your treatment plan. Can you identify with any of the factors from the following lists that may be interfering with your ability to comply with your treatment?

Do you...

- *have difficulty understanding your treatment regimen or instructions?*
- *forget to take your medication?*
- *have a hard time accepting that you are ill or in need of medication?*
- *lack the social or family support or financial resources to follow your treatment plan?*
- *feel apathetic or pessimistic toward your treatment or condition?*
- *experience conditions (e.g. confusion) that affect your ability to take medications properly?*
- *have bothersome symptoms?*
- *see an improvement in or disappearance of your symptoms?*



Despite taking your medications regularly, you may continue to experience some limitations in the amount or types of activities that you used to do. Ironically, impatience with the gradual progress and improvement of your condition from treatment may prompt you to disregard your medication regimen. Alternatively, you may develop a belief that you are healthy because your symptoms have improved or disappeared or you have adapted to your symptoms. This could also lead you to the belief that you do not need to follow your treatment plan or take your medications.

Are you...

- *uncertain about the effectiveness of your treatment?*
- *concerned about possible side effects of your medication?*
- *worried about the inconvenience or expense of your treatment and/or medications?*
- *feeling that you lack adequate supervision or guidance by your doctor?*
- *feeling confused by a complex and/or lengthy treatment?*

One common factor leading to noncompliance is the complexity of the treatment regimen. Multiple medications, say in heart problems, are often prescribed to treat various heart conditions. This may lead to confusion regarding proper dosages and scheduling.

Improve your Compliance:

There are a number of ways in which you can improve compliance with your treatment plan. A few practical strategies are described below.

Build a collaborative relationship with your health care professional

The relationships that you have with your doctor, pharmacist, nurse, etc. can play an important role in your willingness to comply with your treatment plan. To get the most from these relationships, you should:

- ensure that you have a trusting relationship with your health care professional in which your concerns are heard and addressed openly.
- be an active participant in making decisions about your health and in designing and implementing a treatment plan best suited to your resources and lifestyle.
- consult regularly with your health care professional regarding the status and progress of your treatment plan.

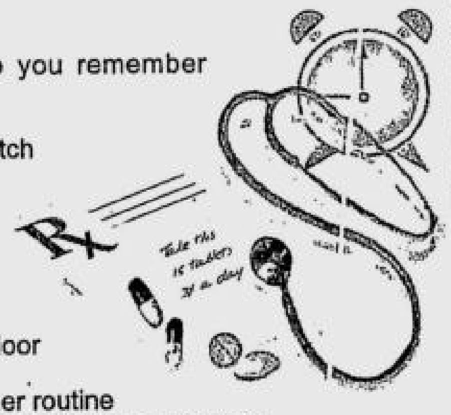
Obtain the right information

It is important to ask the right questions regarding your treatment plan. This should include:

- the specific behaviors or activities your treatment program requires
- how and when to perform these behaviors or activities
- what to do if a problem arises

Ask about particular aspects of your medications such as: the number of tablets required, when they should be taken, the appropriate dosage, and duration of treatment. Find out what to do if you miss a dose, as well as which drugs, foods, or conditions may interact with your medications. By having the instructions about your medications clearly explained to you, you will maximize your ability to adhere to and benefit from your treatment plan. You may also want to ask your health care professional to write instructions down for you or to repeat them to a family member who can assist you in following them.

Reduce forgetfulness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Here are some useful tips to help you remember to take your medications.

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- keep your medications in highly visible locations (but safely out of children's reach)
- post a drug reminder chart beside your medications
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Set goals

With the guidance of your doctor, set specific, realistic, and achievable goals in your treatment plan. Schedule appointments with your doctor to monitor your progress.

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A final note

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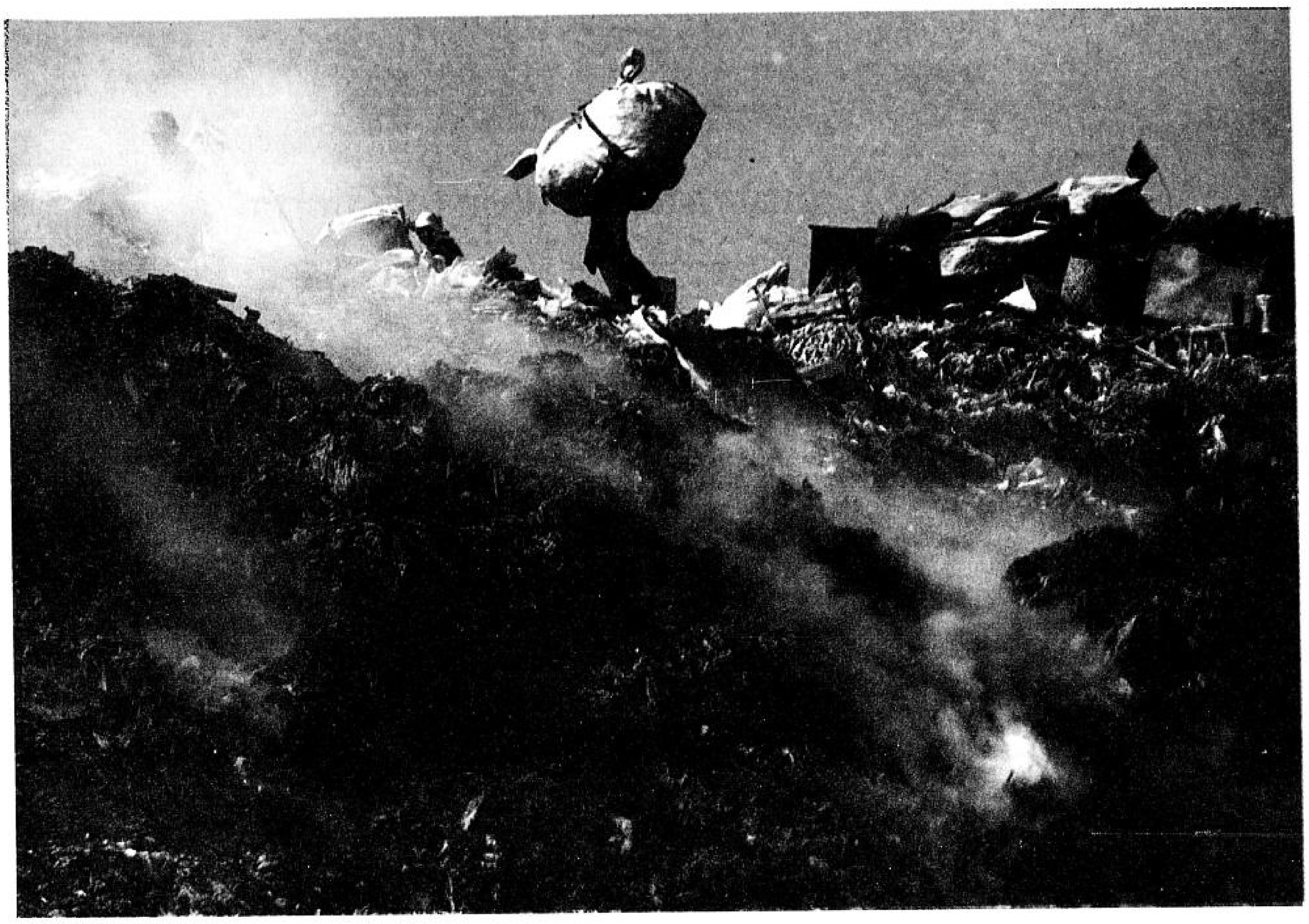
Aetas stop dumping of trash in Clark



GARBAGE GRAVE
Scavengers continue to scratch a living in this part of the Payatas dump in Quezon City following the collapse on Friday of a portion of the trash mountain, which is believed to have buried a 16-year-old boy.
EDWIN BACASMAS

By Philip C. Tubeza

AFTER residents of Antipolo City and San Mateo in Rizal and Semirara Island in Antique succeeded, with the help of the courts, in stopping Metro Manila from dumping its trash in their communities, it is now the turn of the Aetas of Capas, Tarlac.

The Aetas have set up barricades to stop the dumping of Metro Manila's garbage in the proposed 100-hectare sanitary landfill in Clark Field, Tarlac.

They are protesting because the landfill is near the government relocation site for about 1,000 Aeta families dislocated by the 1992 Mt. Pinatubo eruptions, according to the Capas Task Force Against Landfill.

The Aetas barricaded the roads leading to the landfill on Tuesday night after five dump trucks tried to dump their contents in the landfill.

The protesters succeeded in stopping the five trucks as well as other dump trucks that also tried to break through the barricades on the following nights. The dump trucks usually arrived between 10 and 11 p.m., the task force said.

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QC shabu lab raided

POLICE seized some P10 million worth of shabu in liquid form in a raid last week on a Quezon City safe house suspected of being used by a group of Chinese drug traffickers and members of the Hong Kong triad as a laboratory for processing the illegal substance.

Police also found in the house at 577 P. Florentino Street in Barangay Lourdes, Quezon City, said to be rented by a Luis Ang, laboratory equipment apparently used to process shabu or methamphetamine hydrochloride.

The liquid shabu found was being processed into crystals, police said.

But they did not find Ang or any of the suspects in the house during the raid.

Reports reaching the acting Philippine National Police (PNP) chief, Deputy Director General Leandro Mendoza, said members of the National Drug Law Enforcement and Prevention Coordination Center (DEP-Center) raided the house on the strength of a search warrant issued by Judge Monina Zenarosa of Quezon City Regional Trial Court Branch 76.

After an analysis of the equipment and materials found in the lab, Deputy Director Gen. Jewel Canson, chief of the DEP Center, said his men theorized that the laboratory could produce at

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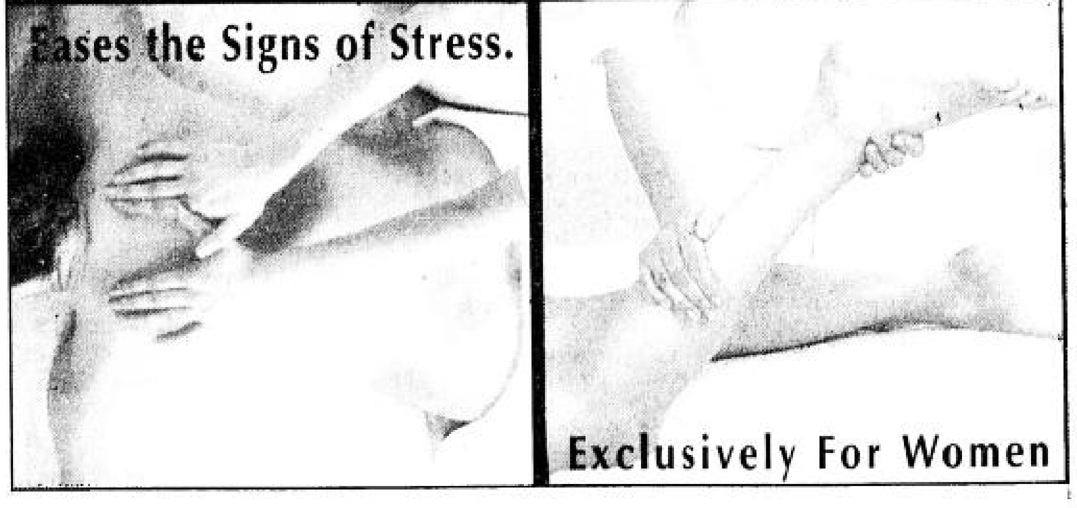

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2 men kill guard, rob Caloocan gas station

TWO ROBBERS Saturday night barged into a gas station in Caloocan City, shot dead its security guard and escaped with a still undetermined amount of cash.

Guard Oscar Mogol, 32, of Mapagmahal Street, Barangay Piñahan, Quezon City, died from a bullet wound in the back while he was being taken to the Nodados General Hospital, police said.

An improvised handgun had been used in the killing, police added.

Initial investigation conducted by PO3 Elvis Imperial of the Caloocan Police Station 1 showed that the two men, armed with a homemade shotgun and a handgun, went to the Flying V gasoline station on Samano Road in Camarin and immediately ordered the woman cashier, identified only as Jenny, to give them the day's earnings.

Even before Mogol could accost the robbers, one of them pulled out a shotgun and shot him in the back at close range, Imperial said in his report.

After taking the money, the robbers fled on foot, police said.

Christian V. Esguerra

Marikina oil slick yields 10 drums of pollutants

AT LEAST 10 drums of pollutants suspected to have originated from the Antipolo City plant of Coca Cola Bottlers Inc., the country's largest manufacturer of softdrinks, were recovered from the Marikina River oil spill, the Philippine Coast Guard said on Friday.

The Marikina City government said it would file appropriate charges against Coca-Cola Bottlers.

After two days of recovery work, Capt. Elpidio Padama, commander of the Marine Environmental Protection Command, said his men were able to remove about 10 drums of oil from the river.

Padama said it was easy to remove the pollutants because there was little water current.

Coast Guard investigation showed that bunker oil overflowed from the Coca-Cola plant on Sumulong Highway in Antipolo City on Wednesday. The plant's drainage system is connected to the Marikina River.

Coca-Cola officials could not be reached for comment.

On Thursday, the Coast Guard sent about 30 men to clear the river of pollutants and prevent the pollutants from spreading further.

Padama said there were very minimal traces of oil at the Manggahan Flood Gate in Pasig City, and he told residents not to be alarmed.

Agnes E. Donato

NBI raids computer stores

AGENTS of the National Bureau of Investigation recently raided five computer stores in different parts of Metro Manila that were found to be selling hardware loaded with pirated Microsoft software.

The raiders seized 15 personal computers (PCs), 10 central processing units (CPUs), and 38 CD installers, all said to be containing pirated Microsoft software products worth an estimated P2.25 million.

Raided were Microworkz Computer in Quezon City, YFC Computer System Plus in Las Piñas City, XCL Business Machines in Binondo, C-Logic Systems in Paco, and Appleseed Systems & Technologies in San Andres.

The NBI was acting on complaints lodged by Microsoft.

The software firm explained that hard disk loading, the installing of illicit software onto PCs for sale, is not only illegal but also gives software pirates an unfair advantage over resellers who obey the law.

"This is a great start for the year, and we hope we can keep it up for the rest of the year not only for the sake of the local software industry but for the entire Filipino nation," said Rebecca Hoof of Microsoft's Law and Corporate Affairs.

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An anti-Macapagal banner vies for attention with traffic signs at the corner of Nagtahan and J. P. Laurel, where thousands of anti- and pro-Estrada ralliers passed two Saturdays ago just minutes before the former President and his family left the nearby Malacañang Palace.

Comelec accredits new party

THE COMMISSION on Elections recently accredited Kasangga ng Bayan, Tao, Kalikasan at Kaunlaran (Kabatak) as a new political party in Parañaque City.

The accreditation was issued by Comelec Commissioner Teresita Dy-Liacco Flores at the Comelec office in Intramuros, Manila.

A street term for close ties, firm friendship and alliance, Kabatak the party was founded by a group of political leaders, businessmen and other officials from the barangay, non-government organizations and the youth and women sectors.

The Kabatak executive council is made up of Mayor Joey P. Marquez, chair; Romeo B. de Guzman, president; Dante Pacheco, vice president; lawyer Rolando Suarez, secretary general; Joey Reyes, treasurer; lawyer Antonio Zamora, legal counsel; and members Arturo Gacutan, Antonio Abaya, Clemente Advincula, Atilano Gabriel, Winnie Esplana, Antonio Abad, Estrella Poblete, Nitz Wenceslao, Erlinda Cortez and Evangeline Velasquez.

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least 20 kilos of shabu daily or 600 kilos a month. Ang is believed to be an associate of suspected drug lord Yim Tat Chow who was arrested on Dec. 10 in Makati City during a buy-bust operation involving 35 kilos of shabu.

Chief Insp. Leonardo Suan of the DEP-Center Special Projects Office led the raiding team in confiscating the equipment and materials.

Yim's arrest led authorities five days later to a warehouse in Caloocan City where police found another 35 kilos of shabu hidden inside a bale of textile.

Rep. Ernesto Herrera (Lakas, Bohol) has urged Deputy Director Mendoza to order a manhunt for Ang.

"It is obvious that until his laboratory was discovered and dismantled, Ang was on top of a massive illicit operation that produced up to 140 kilos of shabu worth P280 million each week," said Herrera, founding chair of the Citizens' DrugWatch Foundation Inc. and former chair of the Senate special committee on illegal drugs.

Herrera also said Yim allegedly got his regular supply of shabu from Ang.

Dave M. Veridiano

Herrera defends PAOCTF

REP. ERNESTO Herrera (Lakas, Bohol) has cautioned the new administration against abolishing the Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Task Force (PAOCTF).

"Having a super law enforcement agency that would sustain the war against well-entrenched crime syndicates still has merit," said Herrera.

"We understand that some quarters are pushing for the PAOCTF's abolition because of its tarnished image under then (Director General Panfilo) Lacson," he said.

"However, critics should distinguish between the PAOCTF as an institution and the PAOCTF under Lacson, which drew controversy for the alleged involvement of some units in illicit activities."

The Manila's Finest Brotherhood Association Inc., an association of about 3,000 non-commissioned officers, earlier said the PAOCTF should be abolished for causing demoralization and divisiveness in the Philippine National Police.

"There is a general clamor among the police rank and file for PAOCTF to be disbanded for good because it has caused so much demoralization within the PNP," the association said in a press statement on Saturday.

Herrera said PAOCTF units under Lacson had been linked to illegal wiretapping, kidnapping for ransom and summary execution of legitimate Chinese businessmen, drug trafficking and other criminal activities.

Herrera dismissed as "baseless'" the argument that the PAOCTF operations have been duplicating the functions of other agencies, including regular units of the PNP and the National Bureau of Investigation.

"On the contrary, we should view PAOCTF operations as complementing the work of other existing law enforcement agencies," he added.

He said PAOCTF, owing to its multi-agency character, has been providing government the means to mobilize elite military units in the fight against powerful crime syndicates.

President Macapagal earlier appointed Director Hermogenes Ebdane as the new head of the PAOCTF.

A must-win situation for Gloria

BARE EYE

Recah Trinidad

JUST like most of us, Joseph Ejercito Estrada, aka Jose Velarde, is an avid basketball fan. At the height of the Crispa-Toyota dynastic war in the PBA, I saw Erap watch big games at the Araneta Coliseum a few times.

Which meant the deposed President had been a passionate participant in this national pastime.

This doesn't mean that Erap was part of either the Toyota or Crispa squad. No. It just so happened that, here at home, a basketball fan is not worth his salt if he doesn't behave like a coach, player or a referee during a big game.

The Filipino basketball fan, yes sir, always knows better than all the participants down there on the well-lit hardcourt do.

The final result of that championship match starring the ex-President, however, bared several serious flaws in the Erap Team.

Erap clearly fell a victim of poor scouting. He was also poorly coached.

To top it all, Erap himself was not ready and fit for the game of his life.

The poor guy had no idea what a good, legit, well-rounded presidency was all about.

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Anyway, next to great basketball matches, the big event to totally grip the national audience was the suspense-filled Estrada Impeachment trial that played like a telenovela for nearly a full month.

In fact, the impeachment trial, as soon as the gallant anti-Erap witnesses started to take the stand, readily dislodged top-billed television shows from the charts.

Basketball itself, here represented by the PBA, indisputably the top sports-entertainment show in the country, had to play second fiddle to the impeachment trial which ran five days a week.

Basketball, after decades of lording it in the national consciousness, did spawn great native heroes, from Loyzaga, Mumar, Badion and Bernardo down to Jaworski, Co, Cezar, Samboy Lim, Paras and Patrimonio. But the Erap Impeachment Roadshow, blessed with a very intriguing plot and colorful main characters, which also included headstrong senators rabidly partisan to the head of state on trial, became an instant all-time blockbuster.

It was hard to guess how the Impeachment telenovela would wind up, until Sen. Tessie Oreta did that victorious dirty dance on the Senate floor while Loren Legarda was weeping on the sideline.

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You're free to dispute this. But while the Filipino people, who helped make People Power 2 possible, continue to receive congratulations from all over the world, another major theater has started to draw undivided national attention.

This is the New Presidency itself, starring Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

Suddenly, all eyes are on the petite head of state and all the new appointees to vital government posts.

Look, it may not be as gripping as the Erap Impeachment Telenovela, but the manner Ms Macapagal has been filling her Cabinet is regularly scrutinized by a discerning national audience.

And, as expected, everybody seems to have an idea on who should be secretary of this and who should instead be running that vital moneymaking office.

True enough, the new President has been drawing criticisms from left and right, mainly from the Left of late, anyway.

It's indeed a wonder how the President could appear on television each day wearing that constant toothy smile of hers, as though she did not have to go through another bothered night wrestling with assorted credit-grabbers.

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For example, Cory Aquino's brother, who himself had been linked to big-time gambling during his sister's term, growled and grumbled because his group allegedly had not been getting due reward and recognition.

Well, Ms Macapagal held her own and, in her first press conference, sort of bearded the lion when she phoned one general who was reportedly plotting a coup against her government.

The President, naturally, got a good grade for that thrilling stand.

In a way, she has sent the message that she doesn't intend to be a toy-doll President.

It would, however, be hypocritical of the President if she claims she has not played the game of accommodation.

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In the end, Her Excellency will be answerable for each and every player she will be fielding.

She has, in fact, laid down the ground rules for team members. She has demanded honesty and simplicity from her team members.

But the Pinoy audience, for its part, cannot be blamed if it always tries to voice dissent or approval.

Just like with basketball and, recently, the Erap Impeachment Trial, the Filipino knows he has a big stake in what's going on out there in Malacañang.

We can't blame him. The poor Filipino, after having lost with the Erap Team, has a bigger stake with the new President.

Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo can't be expected to do an Erap and squander the championship.

Don't repay us with trash, supporters tell Macapagal

ANGELES CITY—"We supported you. Do not repay us with garbage. We do not deserve garbage."

This was the cry of tourism and environmental groups here as they asked President Macapagal-Arroyo not to allow the dumping of Metro Manila's garbage in their province even as they pointed out that the people of Pampanga and Tarlac supported her in ousting Joseph Estrada from office.

The Pinoy Gumising Ka Movement (PGKM), the Citizens Council for Trade and Tourism (CCTT), and the environmental group Damayan made the call in reaction to a statement by newly appointed Metro Manila Development Authority Chair Benjamin Abalos that the Crow Valley inside Clark Field in Capas, Tarlac remains the only dumpsite for Metro Manila's garbage *(See related story, Page A25).*

Ruperto Cruz, chair of the PGKM and the CCTT, said Kapampangans worked hard to oust Estrada because of his failure to operate the Clark International Airport for regular domestic and international flights.

"We want an operational airport and not garbage that would pollute our water table, impair our tourism industry, cause heavy traffic on our narrow roads because of dump trucks, and result in the spread of diseases," he said.

Cruz, also the head of the Resign Estrada Movement of Pampanga, warned that the dumping of Metro Manila's garbage in Crow Valley, which is used by Air Force jets as a target shooting range, would meet strong opposition in Pampanga and Tarlac.

He said the PGKM and CCTT have coordinated with several mayors in the two provinces to prevent the dumping of Metro Manila's garbage in Crow Valley.

"The mayors of Bamban and Capas in Tarlac and Angeles City, San Fernando, Porac and Mabalacat in Pampanga said they will all oppose the proposal to dump garbage in Crow Valley," he said.

Cruz said the tourism potentials of Mt. Pinatubo would be affected since Crow Valley is a jump-off point for the trek to the volcano's crater.

Cruz criticized Abalos for pinpointing Crow Valley as a garbage dump for Metro Manila.

"Abalos and the MMDA should not solve Metro Manila's garbage problem by tossing the problem to us," he said. "If they want to solve the problem, they should decongest Metro Manila and practice recycling and segregation."

Earlier, Cruz and Damayan president Joselin Gomez said the dumping of Metro Manila's garbage in Crow Valley, which is a kilometer away from Mt. Pinatubo, could lead to another eruption of the volcano once the methane gas produced by the waste seeped into the volcano's lava and magma deposits.

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Aetas stop Metro . . .

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relocation site. The Aetas have converted the land in between into a farm, the task force said.

"They used to be nomadic but they have now settled down after cultivating this self-sustaining farm," the task force said.

It said the Aetas fear that the landfill would destroy their farm and community and turn the people into scavengers.

The task force said that on Wednesday, the Aetas and other members of the task force would hold a picket in front of the Bamban, Tarlac municipal hall to protest the opening of the landfill.

25 years

A consortium of private companies developed the P368.5-million landfill, which is expected to be operational for the next 25 years, according to the task force.

It said the landfill is planned to become the permanent garbage dump for companies inside the Clark economic zone and for Central Luzon cities and provinces.

The landfill can accommodate 2,000 tons of trash a day or more than 700,000 tons a year. Metro Manila alone produces an estimated 6,000 tons of garbage a day.

The Clark Development Corp. and the consortium will charge P880 for every ton of trash dumped in the landfill.

The environmental group Greenpeace, religious leaders and Tarlac residents have also been rallying against the use of the dump since last year.

Greenpeace warned about the risk of ground water contamination of Tarlac's Bamban and Sacobia rivers.

Cease and desist

On Wednesday, the Supreme Court barred the government from dumping garbage at the San Mateo Sanitary Landfill in Rizal.

The Supreme Court's third division granted the petition for a temporary restraining order filed by the Rizal provincial government on Jan. 19. It ordered the Metro Manila Development Authority, the executive secretary and the interior secretary to "cease and desist" from "unloading, discharging and dumping solid wastes and other garbage materials" in the San Mateo landfill.

Residents of Payatas, Quezon City, site of the infamous mountain of garbage, urged President Macapagal to close down the dumpsite following Friday's trash slide.

A 16-year-old boy is feared to have been buried in the landslide.

The Payatas residents also want Quezon City Mayor Ismael Mathay and former President Estrada to be held liable for the latest trash landslide as well as for the bigger tragedy last July 10, when the dump collapsed and killed 217 people.

"We believe that this latest incident is enough compelling reason to immediately and permanently close down Payatas," said Carmen Deunida of the urban poor group Kadamay. "Many precious lives have already been lost and forever buried in the dump. We must never allow another repeat of these tragedies."

Smoldering

Payatas resident Marivic Grajo added that President Arroyo "should close down the Payatas garbage dump and provide jobs for the urban poor so that we won't go back to this dump again."

The missing scavenger Roggee Baliwas, 16, of the relocation site Erap City in Rodriguez, Rizal, had gone to the dump with his father. The father was scavenging at the top of the mountain of garbage while the boy worked on the slope.

At about 8:15 a.m. Friday, a landslide occurred when a bulldozer tried to flatten the top of the garbage heap. The boy was believed to have been buried under tons of smoldering garbage.

Since the Payatas dump was reopened on Nov. 10, it has eaten up another hectare of land and has grown to about five stories high, Grajo said.

Pollution-free

"Estrada and Mathay should be held criminally liable for both tragedies in Payatas," Deunida said. "Estrada for ordering Mathay to reopen the dump on Nov. 30, 2000, and Mathay for continuously operating the dumpsite even beyond the Dec. 20, 2000 deadline set by Estrada."

Manila Mayor Lito Atienza repeated his appeal for Congress to amend the Clean Air Act so that pollution-free incinerators could be set up and help dispose of the city's growing volume of uncollected garbage.

Atienza said Manila would use the type of incinerators used in cities like Tokyo, Sydney and San Francisco.

"(The incinerators) do not cause pollution like the old ones because they use plasma-based technology in the disposal of their garbage," he said.

"I hope Congress would seriously consider this alternative because it would also address the concern of environmental groups." *With a report from Jerome Aning*

E. Rodriguez remembered

THE 118TH birth anniversary of former Senate President Eulogio "Amang" Rodriguez was marked on Jan. 21, 2001 with a Mass, wreath-laying at Amang's tomb, and a program at the town plaza of Rodriguez, Rizal with Secretary Edgardo Angara as guest speaker.

Amang was Senate president for 12 years, the longest-serving holder of that post.

A champion of the poor and uneducated, he established the first comprehensive vocational school in the country, the school now known as the Eulogio Rodriguez Institute for Science and Technology.

While serving as the secretary of agriculture, he banned Japanese businessmen from acquiring vast lands in Mindanao. He paid for this by being imprisoned by the Japanese military during World War II.

He dared to publish the famous "Blue Book," which contained the names of corrupt officials of his time.

The celebration of Amang's birthday was led by the Eulogio "Amang" Rodriguez Memorial Foundation Inc. now headed by Patricio L. Lim.

UP recognition

THREE honor societies at the University of the Philippines Diliman campus will hold their recognition rites for honor students on Jan. 31, 2001.

Phi Kappa Phi, Pi Gamma Mu (for the Social Sciences) and Phi Sigma (for the Biological and Physical Sciences) will join their programs to honor the top UP students.

The rites will be held at the Science Teachers' Training Center (STTC) Auditorium at UP Diliman at 3 p.m. Guest speaker is UP President Francisco Nemenzo.

All regular and alumni members of the honor societies are invited.

CA anniversary

THE COURT of Appeals will commemorate its 65th founding anniversary on Feb. 1 with ceremonies at the Court of Appeals Compound on Ma. Orosa Street in Ermita, Manila.

With the theme "Hukuman ng Apelasyon Ipinagmamalaki ang Nakaraan, Nagtitiwala sa Kinabukasan," the activities will start with flag raising followed by a Mass. Chief Justice Hilario G. Davide Jr. will be the principal speaker in the program with retired CA justices as special guests.

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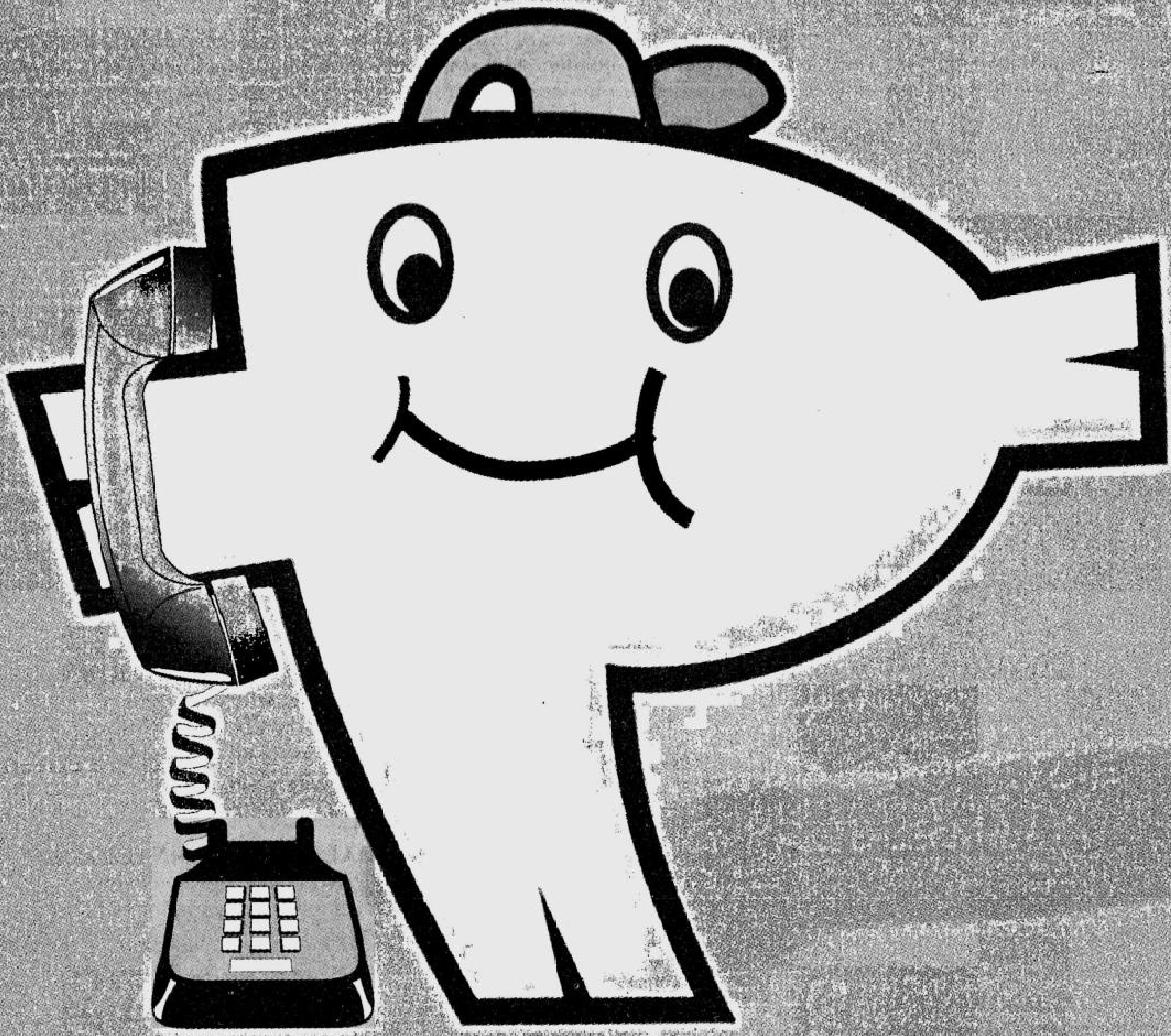

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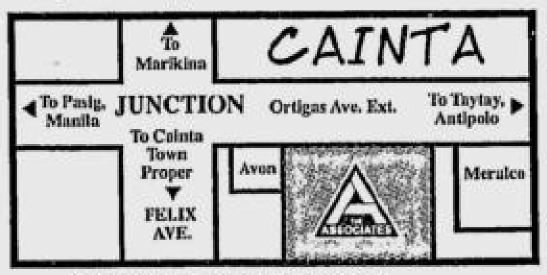
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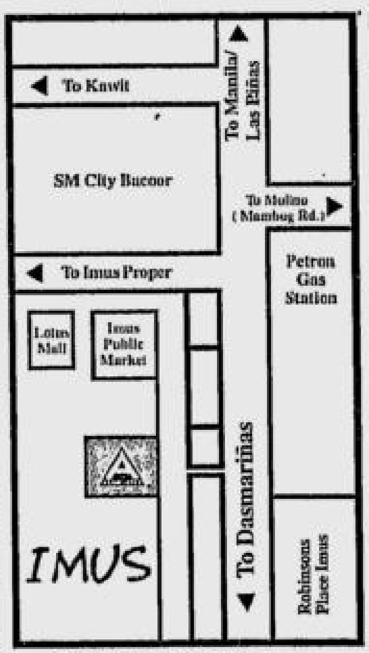
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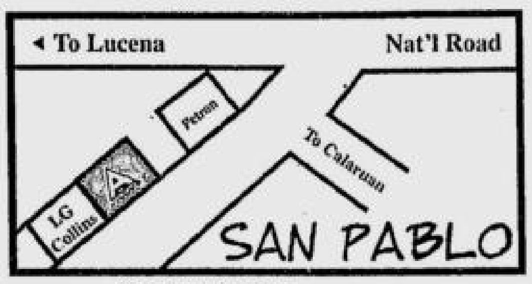
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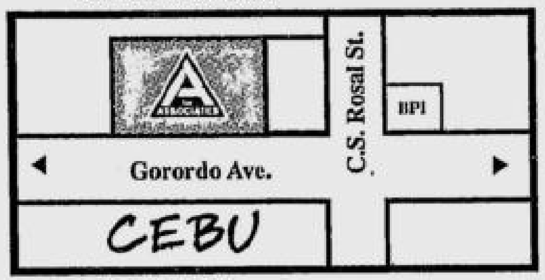
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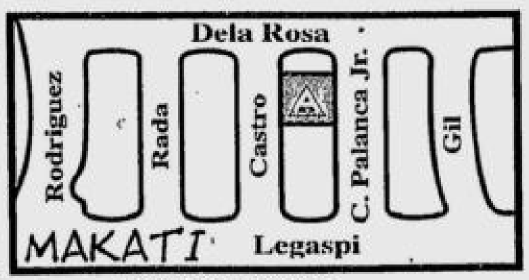
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APPEAL FOR THE NOMINATION OF SENATOR TEOFISTO GUINGONA AS VICE PRESIDENT

The people of Mindanao have been heavily devastated politically, socially and economically by the "all-out war policy" of the repressive and suppressive regime of former President Joseph Ejercito Estrada.

Thousands of our brothers and sisters including their children in Mindanao have died and billions of pesos worth of properties have been destroyed due to the war imposed on them by the former president.

For the last centuries, the people of Mindanao who produce almost 40% of the food requirements of the country have not been getting its fair share of the national wealth and, above all, its equitable representation in the government resulting to massive poverty and discontent and the continued insurgency in Mindanao.

The island of Mindanao now needs, more than ever, not only its reconstruction and rehabilitation but also its development from the ravages of war and benign-neglect.

We believe that the reconstruction, rehabilitation and development of Mindanao can be pursued more vigorously if Her Excellency, President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, is assisted by a Vice President who is not only from Mindanao but one who believes in the spirit of Edsa and brave enough to weed out the unfit from the government and fearlessly pursue the truth for the sake of the Filipino people.

While so many of the leaders of Mindanao who are equally qualified to the position of Vice President, ***Senator TEOFISTO GUINGONA, JR.*** is our choice for the position because he is, like others, fearless, fair, honest and dedicated. He is competent and a man of integrity. He symbolizes truth and justice.

Therefore, we appeal with all our hearts to His Eminence, Jaime Cardinal Sin, Former Presidents Corazon C. Aquino and Fidel V. Ramos, the Honorable Senate President Aquilino Pimentel, Jr., Senator Franklin Drilon, Senator Raul Roco, Senator Loren Legarda and the rest of the 10 Senator-Judges, Congressman Heherson Alvarez, Former Speaker Manuel Villar, the Public and Private Prosecutors, the United Opposition, the Cause-Oriented and Religious Groups, the Business Community, the Youth and above all, to every Filipino, particularly our brothers and sisters in Metro-Manila, Luzon and Visayas, especially the heroes and heroines of EDSA II, to support the nomination of the son of Mindanao, ***Senator TEOFISTO GUINGONA, JR.*** as ***Vice President of the Republic of the Philippines*** for it is only through you that Mindanao could be honored the second highest post of the Island.

As we continue to pray to the Almighty God to provide Her Excellency, President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, all the strength that she needs to make this nation truly great again, we likewise pray that, with your support, the President will finally nominate the man who first lighted the flame of truth about the *jueteng* scandal before the Hall of Senate, the man who first sounded the call for the former president to sit aside and pave the way for an intellectual and moral presidency that God has ordained on 20 January 2001.

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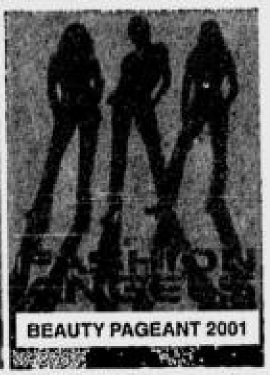

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Joyce Bernal jumps on the 'crazy comedy' bandwagon

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

"BOOBA," director **Joyce Bernal** admits in the movie's opening credits, is just a "trip," a silly trifle, nothing to be taken seriously. And the sex comedy fully lives up (or down) to its unabashed admission of its simple-minded intentions.

Why, then, is it clicking with viewers? Are they as silly and simple-minded as the movie? Uh, yes—but the story doesn't end there.

The movie is doing well because it has a relatively "fresh" star in **Rufa Mae Quinto**, the "boobsy" comedienne who plays the title role of the intellectually challenged sex kitten.

Not since **Carmi Martin** have we had such a fun combination of sex and comedy, and Rufa Mae does more than Carmi ever did in the stripping department.

The fact that Rufa Mae plays a bimbo gives the movie the leeway to be similarly daft and even stupid in its plot progression and character development.

It starts out by showing Rufa Mae and her older sister (**Ai-Ai de las Alas**) suffering from a severe cases of sibling rivalry. Knowing that she isn't as appealing as Rufa Mae, Ai-Ai goes to the big city to make something of herself.

Little does Rufa Mae know that Ai-Ai has become a crime syndicate leader whose goons engage in kidnapping, white slavery, the illegal drug trade and murder with absolutely no compunction!

Rufa Mae goes to the city of look for her evil sister, and after working at a series of odd jobs, becomes an undercover agent assigned to capture a crime lord, who of course turns out be Ai-Ai.

Rufa Mae works with an experienced agent (**Gary Estrada**) and keeps botching his plans. But he doesn't kick her out of his team because she's the only woman who can cure his bad case of impotence.

Huh? Where did that come from? From way out of left field, like many of the jokes and comic situations in this movie.

But the audience doesn't seem to mind the illogic, although it could give less undemanding viewers a

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LOUIE C. CAMINO, Editor

Friends who went out of their way to give my mom a happy birthday

KRIS AND TELL

Kris Aquino

SO many friends made my mom's 68th birthday very special. She unabashedly declared that "It's the best birthday I've ever had!"

We had our very own version of the "Best of Manila" in the garden that adjoins the homes of my two sisters (**Ballsy Cruz** and **Pinky Abellada**).

On the night of Jan. 24, during a dinner at Villa San Miguel hosted by Cardinal Sin for the members of Couples for Christ and the Edsa Shrine community, I managed to put together a birthday concert unlike any other. (Special thanks to my cousin **Pin Cojuangco Guingona** and her husband **Jojo**, who, together with their partners **Jaime** and **Gina Godinez**, provided the superb sound system.)

First of all, thanks to **Franco Laurel**, who, despite his hectic recording sessions (for a project and an event he will reveal in an exclusive interview with me on "The Buzz" sometime in the next few weeks) found time to do a beautiful Broadway medley. In 1983, Franco sang in Sto. Domingo Church during my dad's wake. It was a treat for my mom to hear him again on a much more joyous occasion.

One of my very best friends, **Zsa Zsa Padilla**, made it a point to finish her pictorial earlier than scheduled so she could make it to my mom's party before her "Martin Late at Night" taping. Zsa Zsa sang "Through the Years," and she really thrilled the crowd with her **Celine Dion** medley.

All my mom's female guests marvelled at how youthful and slim Zsa Zsa was that night. They all fretted that they would all look absolutely huge on television, considering that Zsa Zsa was already thin and without any unwanted bulges, yet on camera she sometimes looks like a fleshy woman.

Sen. **Serge Osmeña** and his pretty wife **Bettina**, as well as my cousin **Rapa Lopa** (who has been so devoted in assisting my mom in all her Aquino Foundation activities, as well as coordinating all her recent pastoral and school visits) and his wife **Didi**, are co-parents of Zsa Zsa and *Tito* **Dolphy** in Montessori in Pasay. All their daughters are classmates now.

Romance in the air

My buddy **Pops Fernandez** brought her own guitarist and she sang my favorite song "Fallin.'" My cousin **Bam Bam Aquino**, who graduated summa cum laude from Ateneo last year, was blushing when Pops called him to join her on our makeshift stage. The managing director of our country's biggest accounting firm, is 40 years old, single and super intelligent, and he really found Pops so pretty that he asked my brother-in-law to arrange a date.

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Who knows, romance may eventually blossom?

On this truly rare occasion, **Martin Nievera** sang two duets with Pops. We haven't witnessed that on TV or in any concert in the past three years.

Martin did double duty. He sang "Impossible Dream" and "This is the Moment" during our taping of my mom's birthday celebration on my talk show Wednesday. On Thursday, he and Pops sang "When I Fall In Love" and "Forever."

Martin really exerted so much effort to be there. He was in the midst of "Martin Late at Night" tapings, and he adjusted their dinner break so he could pass by Green Meadows from ABS-CBN's studios.

I could see all the incurable romantics in the audience, including Sen. **Frank Drilon** and *Tita* **Mila**, *Tito* **Jaime and** *Tita* **Bea Zobel**, getting misty-eyed and wishing that a reconciliation would someday come to pass. If Martin and Pops do ever get back together, then my mom can lay claim to being instrumental in fostering reconciliation not only for our country but for Martin and Pops as well.

In love with Martin

Martin also sang the Carpenters' "You" with my would-be sister-in-law, GMA-7's **Bernadette Sembrano** (I think "You" is her song for Noy). For the obvious reason that Noy and I are still estranged, I've never really sat down to talk with Bernadette, but my mom and my sisters on numerous occasions have, and they genuinely like her and hope that she'll be the one.

Martin had all the women, ages from 20 to 70-plus years old, enamored with his wit and his beautiful singing. (Don't forget Martin's show, "Aftershock XV3," at the Ultra football field on Saturday, Feb. 3.)

A very pleasant surprise for my mom came in **Sharon Cuneta**'s rendition of "Ikaw." I took a chance and invited Sharon and Kiko. I was prepared for the possibility, because of my last-minute invitation, that Sharon would be unable to make it.

Sharon has always been my mom's favorite actress and I knew it would be a mega-thrill for her to have Sharon sing at her birthday. Sharon was so cute because she admitted that she just had the minus-one cassette of her songs bought that very afternoon because she didn't have the original arrangements of her songs on mini-disc.

Shawie's speechwriter

There was a singular treat for everybody when Sharon and Martin did a duet of "Ikaw Lang ang Mamahalin." The loudest applause came from Sharon's devoted husband, "senatoriable" Kiko Pangilinan who struck all my aunts and sisters as being more handsome in person. They were all charmed by his sense of humor and sweetness toward Sharon, and impressed with his height (I think Kiko is nearly six feet) and slim build.

Teddy Boy Locsin, who is the admitted "crush" of Shawie, gave her a vote of confidence when he said, "Ladies and Gentlemen, allow me to introduce a woman who is the living refutation of the statement that show biz personalities have no right to be in politics. A woman I truly admire."

If Sharon ever decides to run for Pasay City mayor in fulfillment of her late father's wishes, she can be sure of having the most eloquent speeches courtesy of the best speechwriter the country has ever produced.

PLDT chief **Manny Pangilinan** was correct when he noted that the very best, the cream of ABS-CBN's crop, was there performing.

(Just wondering: Could these entertainers be the very ones he's setting his sights on pirating from ABS-CBN, if and when he does take over GMA Network? I have yet to confirm with him personally if he really is negotiating to purchase a majority stake in GMA, as has been reported in the paperes).

Enjoying herself

Tito **Nards Jimenez** was also there, and Pops mentioned the fact that he was responsible for bringing Martin and her together via Penthouse Live almost 18 years ago.

No concert has ever been able to combine all these extraordinary singers rendering impromptu duets. My mom is a late bloomer in her appreciation of our show biz scene, but I had never witnessed her enjoy herself as much as she did that night.

When your friends go out of their way to make the woman you love the most very happy by sharing the magic of their God-given talents, you will also thank God exuberantly for making possible a night such as my mom's celebration.

This thank-you would be incomplete without my thanking President **Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo**, for her cooperation and admirable, precedent-setting humility in going all the way to my mom's Times Street residence to surprise my mom with a personal birthday greeting during our "Today with Kris" taping.

Through the back door

My mom was mortified when she realized that my show's staff, in order to protect the "surprise," made the President pass through my mom's servants' quarters and dirty kitchen. My producer and floor director are witnesses to the fact that she did so willingly and with a smile.

People have griped that our new President lacks warmth and spontaneity, yet her actions that day clearly refute that.

Thank you, Mrs. President, for giving my mom so much importance. Count on our all our prayers and support for you and your administration. Remember, President GMA's success is the Philippines' success.

Joyce . . .

(From page A6)

headache. The remedy appears to be: if you can't figure it out, just "dumb down" to the movie's level.

That may sound like a cop-out, but that's the way it is with the gimmick-oriented comedy flicks that are being churned out these days.

Frankly, we're disappointed that Bernal has opted to jump on the "crazy comedy" bandwagon, because she's proven with her earlier films that she can sometimes be genuinely witty, pay attention to plot and character development, etc.

We hope that, with her next movie, Bernal will go back to the less illogical but still funny comedy capers she used to do.

As for Rufa Mae, this production has made her a movie star with a unique edge over her contemporaries. Now that she's made it, however, we trust that she'll opt to do better-conceptualized movies in the months to come. "Silly" is OK for starters, but it wears out its welcome pretty quickly, as the likes of **Andrew E.** and other gross-out comics have found out to their dismay.

TV treats

AT 7 a.m. today on Star Movies, "Celebrity Profile" features **Tracey Gold**, star of "Growing Pains," who triumphed over attention deficit disorder and anorexia, and finally found true love.

Tuesday, Jan. 30 to 9 p.m. on Star Movies, "Air America" stars **Mel Gibson** and **Robert Downey Jr.** They play thrill-seeking aviators who work for the CIA's secret airline.

Wednesday, Jan. 31 at 9 p.m. on Star Movies, "Iron Eagle 2" topbills **Louis Gossett Jr.** He gathers together a Soviet/US Strike force that performs a surgical strike on a supposedly impregnable nuclear missile site in the Middle East.

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Reggie Leach: Success is not the result of spontaneous combustion. You must set yourself on fire.

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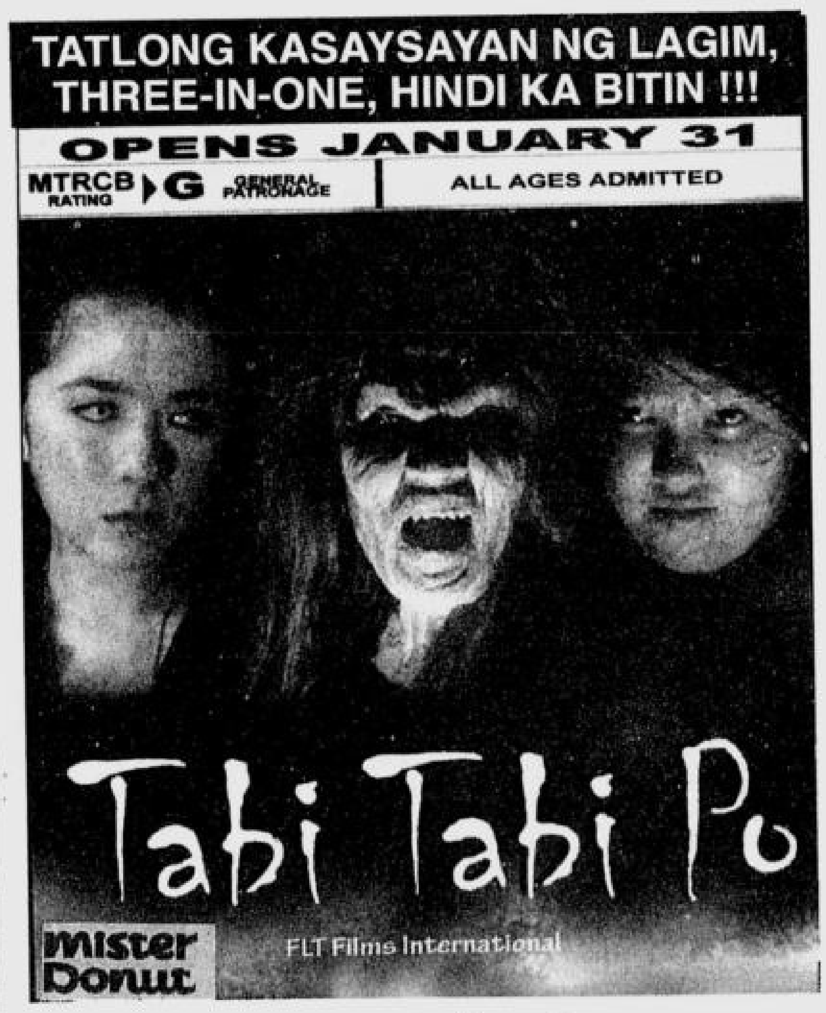

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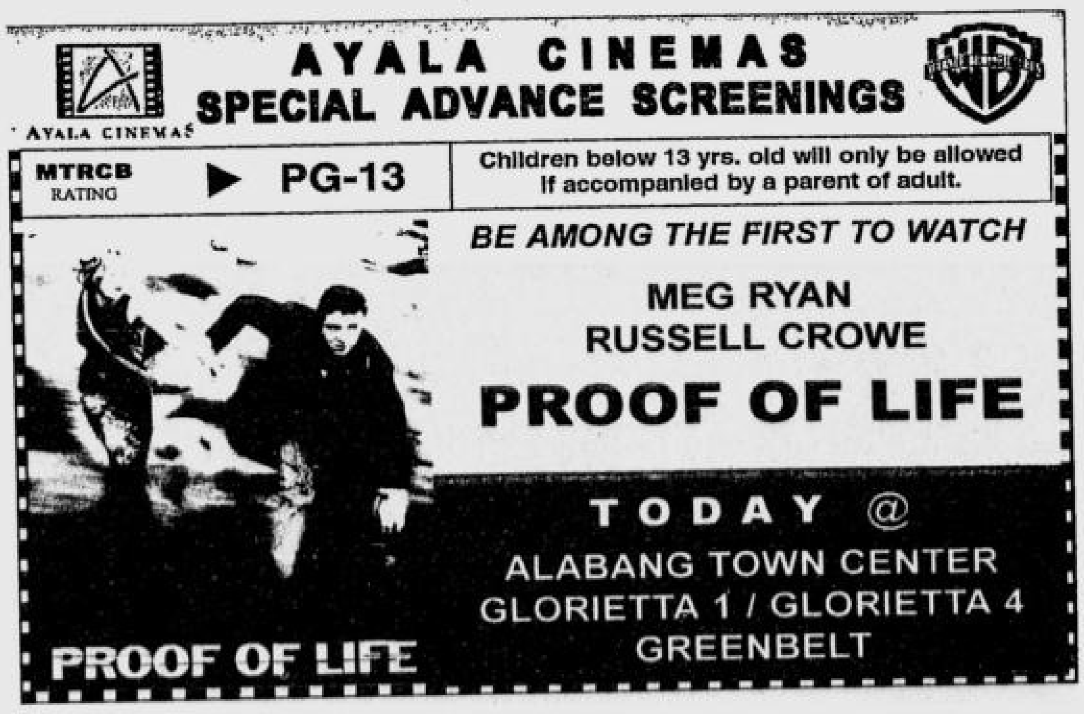

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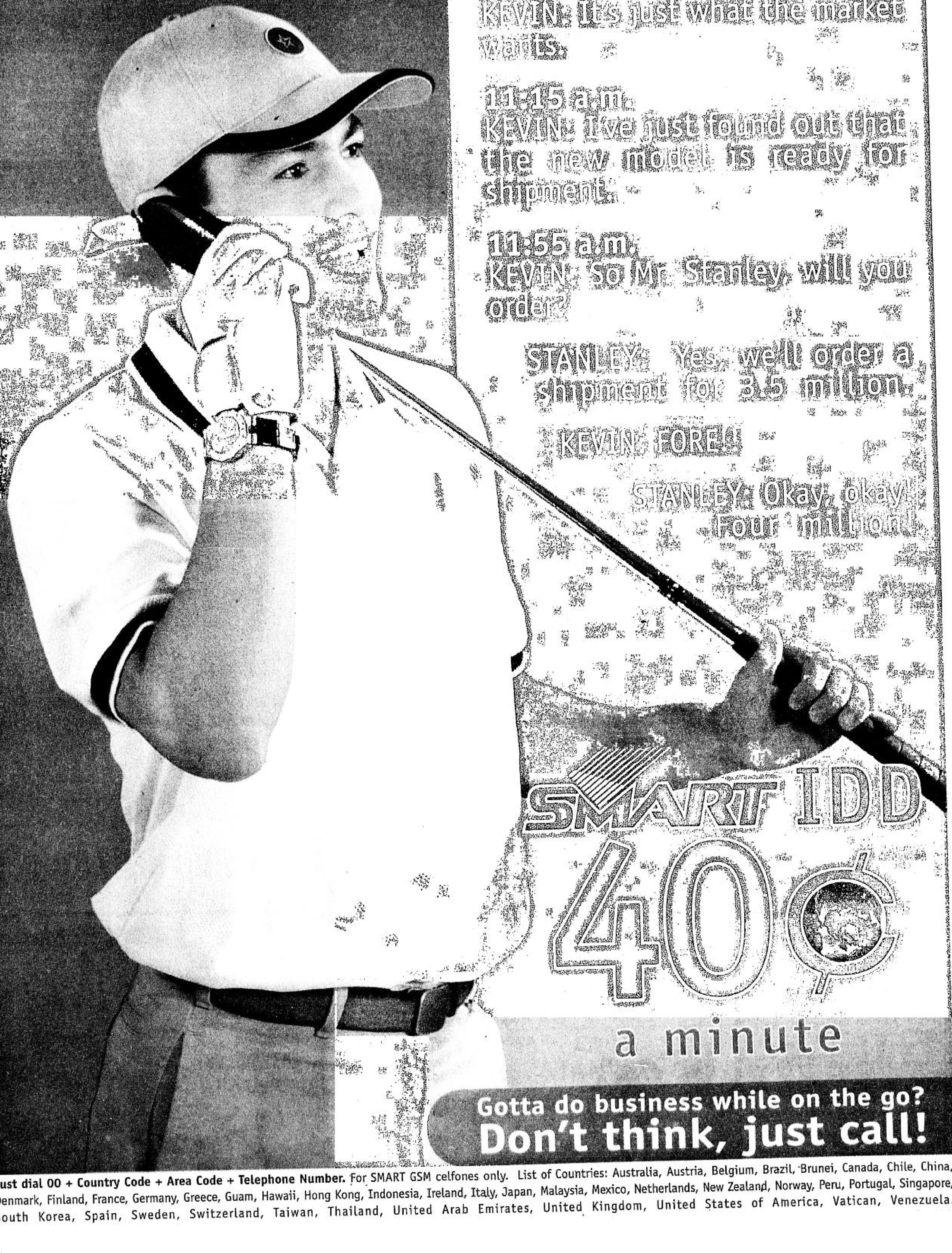

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S&P seen raising RP rating; forex reserves dip to $14.8B

BY CLARISSA S. BATINO

A MISSION from international credit-rating firm Standard & Poor's is arriving next week to hand out what the new government hopes to be a more favorable outlook for the country.

Bangko Sentral Governor Rafael Buenaventura said the international ratings agency was likely to revise positively its outlook for the Philippines from negative to stable.

Last week, the first of the Macapagal administration, investment banks such as Lehman Brothers already predicted a turnaround for the Philippines despite concerns about the fiscal deficit and external payments position.

"I don't think (S&P) would make any changes in the rating but maybe it would change the outlook," Buenaventura said.

S&P had downgraded its outlook for the Philippines in mid-October last year, a week after the "Juetengate" scandal erupted involving the country's highest official.

A week later, Moody's Investor Service also revised its outlook to negative. Fitch IBCA had also placed the Philippines under its negative outlook watchlist last Jan. 18, two days before the new president was sworn into power.

As a result of the confidence crisis in the ousted Estrada administration, the ratings firms doubted the country's ability "to undertake effective economic management during a period of political uncertainty."

All three rating agencies affirmed their existing ratings of below investment grade for local and foreign, and long- and short-term borrowings last October.

S&P's rating for the Philippines remained at BB+, Moody's Investor Service also stayed at Ba1, and Fitch at BB+.

Meantime, the country's gross international reserves dipped by $200 million to about $14.8 billion as maturing loans of state-owned National Power Corp. were settled last week.

"The GIR is at about $14.8 billion after $200 million in Napocor loans got paid," Buenaventura said.

Another $200 million in government loans would mature in the coming weeks while a BSP obligation worth $400 million is due next month. Payment of these loans would further deplete the foreign exchange reserves.

The BSP was able to build the dollar reserves to a surprising $15.01 billion as of end-December, matching its level a year ago and was $550 million more than the end-November level of $14.5 billion.

This year, Buenaventura said the target still has to be discussed with the new economic team of the Macapagal administration.

He earlier said an ideal level was to hit about $16 billion this year or at the very least, match the yearend level.

The central bank chief said he was optimistic that foreign direct investments, portfolio inflows and even remittances from overseas contract workers would greatly improve this year.

"There is no GIR target yet for this year but we will come up with a number as we go into a post-monitoring program with the IMF (International Monetary Fund). We could aim for about $16 billion," Buenaventura said earlier.

He said improved investor confidence could prompt foreign firms

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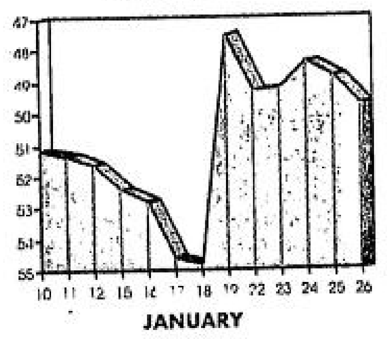

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Stocks to rise

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Analysts said investors remained bullish on the country's long-term prospects following the installation of a new political leadership.

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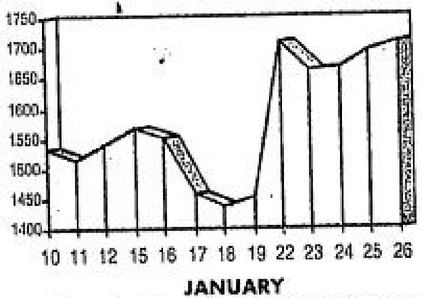

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Getting Mindanao back in business

MINDANAO ONE

Marriz Manuel B. Agbon

FOR the Mindanao business community, People Power II was truly a test of leadership. Among the impromptu coalitions that blossomed all over Mindanao in the morning of Jan. 17, we saw business and civic leaders bucking the generally passive stance of the private sector and stepping forward to lock arms with non-government organizations, religious leaders, cause-oriented groups and peoples' organizations in a spontaneous display of outrage and determination.

I live in Cagayan de Oro City, and here—mirroring what happened elsewhere in Mindanao and on Edsa—it took a simple text message to gather people together at Plaza Divisoria minutes after the infamous 11-10 Senate vote over Envelope No. 2 on that fateful night of Jan. 16. The crowd filled Divisoria for the next four days.

And now, after the "Gloria euphoria," the task of rebuilding our nation and rebuilding Mindanao is upon us.

In the business community, an immediate concern is to press for an adequate representation of Mindanaoans in the Arroyo Cabinet and among key government positions. The selection of competent individuals should, of course, be both systematic and transparent.

Next, with the May 14 elections coming up, we should do our part in drawing attention to the importance of appointing qualified and impartial commissioners to fill up the vacancies in the Commission on Elections.

We will be electing into office some 17,000 public servants, from city and municipal councilors to senators. People Power II is our opportunity to institutionalize much-needed reforms in the Philippine society, and the election can be an avenue for jumpstarting these reforms so long as we elect people whose governance will be characterized by transparency, competence, accountability and honesty.

One of the hard lessons of the last two years is that bad politics easily leads to bad economics. This is a good reason for the Mindanao business community and civil society to launch together an information, education and communication campaign clearly outlining the competencies and qualities needed in political aspirants.

As one housewife-turned-street-parliamentarian suggested: "We should have regular multi-sectoral dialogues and a citizens' watch for good governance. Life is short. It is time we make a positive difference."

Also, over the longer term, there should be a sustained values education campaign within the business community itself. I recall that during the previous administration, a campaign was launched to promote a "national culture of excellence" in the private sector, which entailed revisiting basic social values and business ethics. Each quarter, a human virtue was extolled, and concrete steps on how to achieve that virtue were outlined.

The administration of government projects and programs needed for the economic recovery of Mindanao has to be rationalized as soon as possible. The Office of the President in Mindanao should be under one baton to better supervise and orchestrate the various programs and projects of agencies engaged in Mindanao development.

There is a need to pump-prime the Mindanao economy with public investment, focusing on support infrastructure for agricultural and agro-industrial production and the promotion of competitive small- and medium-scale enterprises. The Mindanao Development Framework Plan prescribes an infusion of at least P14 billion.

These efforts should target the marginalized sectors of Mindanao, where better incomes would lead to increased purchases of goods and services. Increased consumer spending would induce investment, leading to greater employment and a cycle of sustained economic development.

Lastly, the private sector has to restore confidence in Mindanao's economy through an aggressive promotion and by taking the lead in business expansion. We definitely have to send strong signals to both the national and global business communities that Mindanao is back in business.

We have just faced a great challenge to stand up for truth and decency, but the greater challenge lies in rolling up our sleeves and joining in Mindanao's economic rehabilitation and in the restoration of a society built on fairness and equity for all.

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PNB rehab plan OKd

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE BANGKO Sentral ng Pilipinas has approved in principle the rehabilitation plan for Philippine National Bank as the bank agreed to forge a call option deal with the national government.

BSP Governor Rafael Buenaventura said the central bank and PNB would now determine how much of the P15-billion emergency loan the bank got would be paid in kind and in cash.

"I think more than half would be covered by a dacion en pago. The cash portion would be paid at market rates," said the BSP chief. The cash portion will be paid in five to eight years.

The rehabilitation plan calls for another capital infusion from the group of Lucio Tan, which now owns more than 70 percent of the bank. PNB is the country's fifth largest lender but it has the one of the highest levels of non-performing loans.

Under the plan, the PNB will settle its P10-billion obligation with state-owned Philippine Deposit Insurance Corp. by transferring government liabilities to PDIC worth about P9 billion.

These liabilities include a P5-billion loan to the Bureau of Customs and a P4.5-billion loan of a Philippine sugar trading company.

PNB's rehabilitation plan also calls for the reorganization of the bank's management, reduction of non-performing loans, sale of foreclosed assets, tightening of credit policies, rationalizing operations, among others.

"Once the rehab plan is approved, they (Tan group) would definitely have to sign the call option agreement," said the central bank governor.

The call option which was initiated by former Finance Secretary Jose T. Pardo will allow the government to restore its ownership in PNB to 30.4 percent from the existing 16 percent.

It will allow the government to buy back at P60 per share after three years the shares it had waived in the PNB stock rights offering last September. The stock rights offering increased Tan's stake from 46 percent to about 70 percent.

The assets to be surrendered by PNB to the central bank for the dacion en pago deal include the PNB Financial Center, which has a book value of P4 billion and an appraised value of about P10 billion.

PNB carries about P22 billion in foreclosed assets or real or other properties owned or acquired or Ropoa. Its bad loans ratio has grown to more than 38 percent of its total loan portfolio.

Buenaventura said the BSP would be satisfied if PNB could bring down its NPL to less than 30 percent in the near term. "Of course the objective is to bring it down to industry standard in the medium term," he said.

He noted that the bad loans ratio of the commercial banking industry increased to about 16 percent of the total loan portfolio as of November from 15.56 percent in October.

The BSP and PDIC extended to PNB emergency loans amounting to P25 billion in October last year.

In 1999, PNB's net loss hit P9.87 billion from P7.25 billion in 1998. As of September, its bad loans ratio had peaked to 38 percent of its total loan portfolio.

NEW SSS HEAD

Newly appointed Social Security System chair and president Vitaliano Nañagas (right) confers with outgoing SSS head Carlos Arellano after the turnover ceremony at the SSS headquarters in East Avenue, Quezon City. Nañagas is a former group head of Citibank's financial and capital market services and had served as head of the Philippine Stock Exchange and the Philippine Deposit and Insurance Corp. Arellano resigned after President Macapagal-Arroyo came to power last week.

Philweb.com project gets pioneer perks

THE BOARD of Investments has granted pioneer incentives to the P2.2-billion Internet services project of Philweb.com Inc., a listed high-tech firm controlled by former Trade Minister Roberto Ongpin.

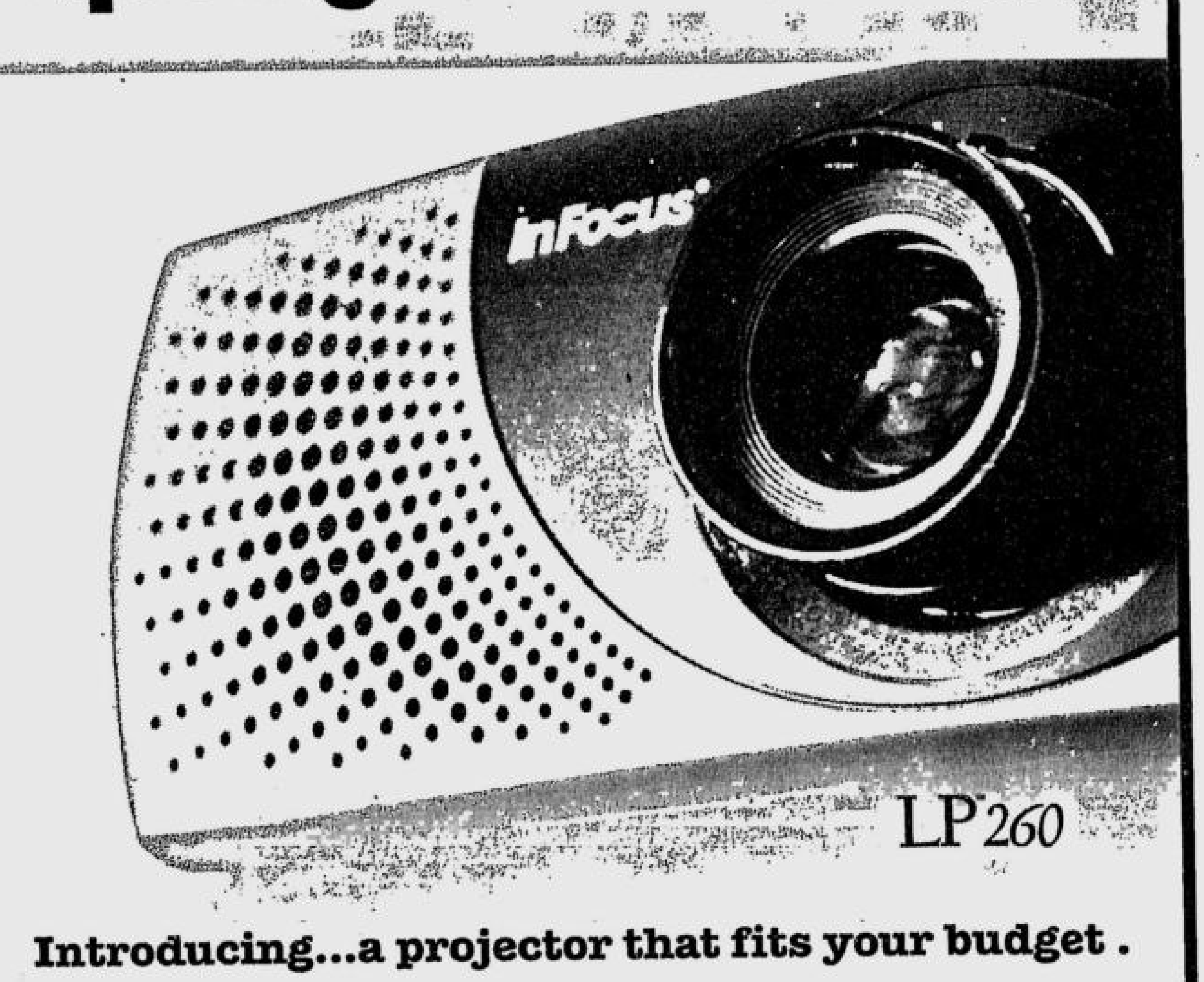
The incentives include tax breaks for six years to eight years.

The project qualified for pioneer incentives since its investment cost even exceeded the BOI's minimum capital requirement of P100 million. The company also submitted an endorsement from the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC), which also formed part of the BOI requirements. Philweb.com was granted a five-year license by the NTC as a value-added service provider on the Internet.

Philweb.com is planning to provide dial-up and broadband Internet access by April this year and electronic commerce applications geared toward providing online solutions to pressing requirements of students (for their enrolment and purchases school supplies), overseas foreign workers (for their remittances) and tourists (for hotel reservations and payments).

Philweb.com has, at present, two major Internet gateways in Makati City and Cebu City with six major nodes deployed in Baguio, Calamba, Cavite, Iloilo, Davao and Cagayan de Oro.

It has committed to increase its broadband network from 6 to 10 megabits per second by the second quarter this year. Under BOI rules, an Internet provider should have a capacity of at least 10 Mbps for broadband. Philweb.com formed a tie-up with PhoenixNet Ltd. of Hon [illegible] ong for its broadband Internet services targeted [illegible] siness users.



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China's economic boom seen to benefit RP, Asean

THE PHILIPPINES and its neighboring countries in Southeast Asia have a lot to gain from China's rapid economic growth, particularly in the areas of trade and investments.

This was the conclusion of a research paper entitled "China's Changing Trade Patterns: Implications for Asean-China Trade." The paper was prepared by Ellen H. Palanca, a professor of economics and director of the Chinese Studies Program at the Ateneo de Manila University, with the Philippine Apec Study Center Network (PASCN), whose lead convenor is the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS).

The paper's finding is contrary to the common belief that some Southeast Asian countries are going to lose their competitive advantages in many sectors because of China's economic rise.

Palanca said that based on available data, the rapid growth of China, specifically in foreign trade, was achieved not at the expense of the growth of its neighbors' trading activities.

Palanca's paper indicated that business opportunities were expected to multiply following China's accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO). Demand for imports will increase, particularly of consumer products and services, as the standard of living of China's huge population goes up swiftly. Likewise, China's focus on rural industrialization will force it to increase its imports of food and primary inputs. In this case, Palanca suggested that the Philippines could explore the gaps in agricultural and mineral resource supplies in China and fill up the insufficiencies by exporting agricultural and other primary inputs to China.

She, however, stressed that before the Philippines could tap the growing trade opportunities in China, the country has to improve first the efficiency of its industries, particularly export industries, to make them more globally competitive. This includes improvement in the country's labor productivity, efficiency of the government bureaucracy and infrastructure support particularly power, telecommunication and transportation. The government should also ensure that the peso is not overvalued, she added.

In the same paper, Palanca recommended that the Philippines should coordinate with China in the conduct of a joint research to identify trade opportunities and niches based on comparative advantage and intra-industry division of labor. She added that the Philippines should explore investment possibilities in China to facilitate the expansion and growth of the country's exports of inputs and services.

Gov't urged to continue deficit-spending strategy

By Doris C. Dumlao

FORMER Finance Secretary Roberto de Ocampo said the Macapagal administration has no choice but to continue a deficit-spending strategy to perk up the country's sagging economy.

"Deficit-spending is the correct thing to do now to strengthen economic growth but it must be done in a focused manner to level the playing field and increase employment and production," De Ocampo said in an interview.

The former finance chief, who is now president of the Asian Institute of Management, said that due to the political crisis, the Philippines had "missed the golden opportunity to be an emerging tiger economy."

After the Asian financial turbulence in 1997, De Ocampo said the Philippines, with its strong fundamentals, was expected to be among the first to rebound from the regional shakeout but this did not materialize.

However, he said the country could now look forward to an improving economy even with the expected difficulties. He noted that President Macapagal-Arroyo has a good economic team which is essential in boosting investor confidence.

De Ocampo said it was necessary for the government to pump-prime the economy while trying to contain the ballooning budget gap.

Deficit-spending is a term which refers to a situation where the government spends more than it collects in taxes, usually to take up the slack in private sector spending. The strategy is intended to infuse more liquidity into the economy and thus oil the wheels of business that would life the economy.

De Ocampo noted that one of the difficulties encountered by the previous administration was that the unemployment rate had gone up.

"As part of an economic agenda, what the government is going to do is to provide such investments that would generate employment," he said.

However, De Ocampo noted that the government would have to balance the deficit-spending strategy with certain belt-tightening measures. He said the government would have no choice but to try to lower expenses in relation to its revenues.

On the revenue side, he said it was not prudent to introduce new tax measures at this time. Instead, he said the Macapagal administration should strengthen the implementation of existing taxes.

"We have a difficult but improving economy. We have an economic situation better than the 1986 People Power Revolution. What we have to watch out for is our widening deficit," he said.

"And while we are going through this adjustment process, we are not benefited by the slowdown in the US economy which could affect our export performance. And also China and India, which used to be sleeping giants, are now being awakened and giving us stiff competition in the global marketplace," he warned.

Comings and Go-ings

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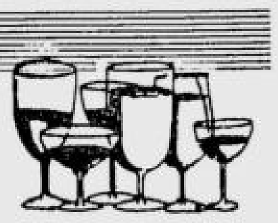

By Victor C. Agustin

BANKER George Go flew back to Manila Wednesday dawn, in time to celebrate his 59th birthday on Chinese new year.

The fact that the former Equitable PCI Bank chair returned after you-know-who had been ousted meant that the reported threats and pressures on Go and his family could only have come from the usual villains.

The few who had seen him could not help but notice that Go had his silvery hair dyed a little too black. The already slight banker lost even a few more pounds, and had a pronounced shaking of fingers as he chain-smoked Marlboro Lights.

He seemed to be in good spirits, though, even cracking a wry joke about his being jobless and "with nothing to do."

Still, Go is thankful that the run on the bank that his immigrant father founded 50 years ago had stopped and that the deposits have started trickling back.

The Go family, he said quite emphatically, would retain the estimated 30-percent family holdings in Equitable PCI Bank even if the government financial institutions and other private blocs continue with their plan to eventually unload their holdings.

On the reported GFI sellout, Finance Secretary-designate Alberto Romulo told reporters Friday that he was still waiting for the GSIS and the SSS to submit their respective memoranda before any decision would have to be reached as to how and when to unload the government's combined 37-percent shareholdings in Equitable PCI Bank.

Mestiziosis vs Binay

A GROUP of Makati matrons led by no less than Bea Zobel will host a lunch this week for former Economic Planning Secretary Solita Monsod in the hope of convincing Mareng Winnie to run for Makati mayor against comebacking Jejomar Binay.

Monsod, a Dasmariñas Village resident herself, has no definite political plans as yet other than the reported senatorial aspirations.

(Considering the oversupply of pro-GMA senatoriables, the Lakas Party, according to the grapevine, would have less headaches if the feisty professor slides down to the mayoral or even congressional level.)

Other than Makati's commercial and business district having the most potholed and uneven roads, the main beef against the Binay administration is that no condominium or building permit gets issued without some well-connected intermediaries getting a condo unit in exchange.

Proof? One longtime Pembo dweller has transferred residence to Rockwell no less, moving up in style with his City Hall bosses.

Post-Eraptions

- PAUL Bograd, the shadowy American public relations consultant of then President Estrada, left Manila on Jan. 24 aboard a Lufthansa flight for Bangkok.
- THE "VELARDE" in Jose Velarde accounts supposedly stands for "very large deposits."
- THE FIRST post-Malacañang dinner hosted at 1 Polk St., Greenhills was catered by Triple V and City Garden Restaurant.

Real estate notes

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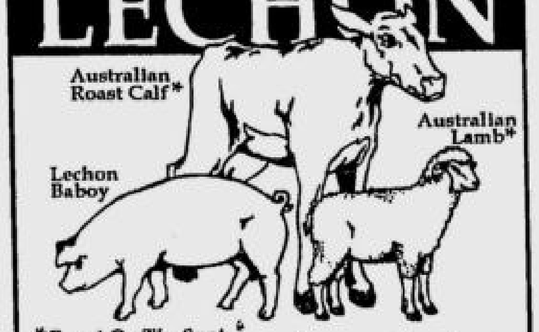
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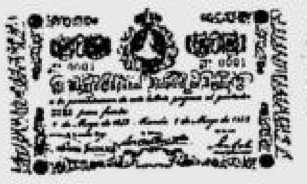

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With Go still on board, banks lose interest in Equitable PCI

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE LAST-MINUTE decision of the Go family to hold on to their stake in Equitable PCI Bank Inc. has prompted the country's top two banks to re-think their plans to acquire the No. 3 lender.

Persons familiar with the matter said the Bank of the Philippine Islands and Metropolitan Bank and Trust Co. had reconsidered their bids to buy into Equitable PCI Bank.

That left US-based Newbridge Capital Inc. and Spain's Banco Santander Central Hispano as the only parties interested in the Equitable PCI Bank bloc.

"Naturally, a 37-percent stake as opposed to 68 percent would no longer be attractive to BPI and Metrobank," a Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas official said.

With the 31-percent stake of the Go family out of the selling block, Equitable PCI Bank can now offer only the 37 percent held by state pension funds Social Security System and Government Service Insurance System. The SSS owns 25 percent of the bank while GSIS holds 12 percent.

The Go family has reportedly pledged to help place fresh capital in Equitable PCI Bank following their decision to stay in the bank.

One person familiar with the situation said the Go family believed the ouster of former President Joseph Estrada had lifted Equitable PCI Bank's negative image as a result of its involvement in the former chief executive's Senate corruption trial.

Anti-Estrada groups had asked the public to boycott Equitable PCI Bank for holding on to accounts allegedly used by Estrada to hold funds he supposedly obtained from illegal gambling sources.

The bank, however, also provided key pieces of evidence and a witness that linked Estrada to the so-called Jose Velarde accounts. The accounts contained millions of pesos that prosecutors in the former president's impeachment trial said came from gambling syndicates.

The central bank agreed that pressure on Equitable PCI Bank had eased. The bank was said to be no longer experiencing heavy withdrawals.

"We really don't care if they sell or not for as long as they have enough capital," said BSP Governor Rafael Buenaventura.

Equitable PCI Bank is still awaiting word from its financial advisor, ING Barings, as to its valuation. The Dutch financial group has also been tasked to evaluate the best offer among four buy-in proposals.

Industry estimates said the bank lost between P30 billion and P40 billion as a result of Estrada's impeachment trial.

"It is not just the huge withdrawals that they have to contend with but also the reputation that it would simply volunteer confidential information without being asked," one industry source said.

"They violated the confidentiality and now clients won't trust them," another industry source added.

Fuel sales slip 7.7% on poor demand

PETROLEUM sales of the country's major oil firms slipped 7.7 percent last year as high fuel prices dampened demand.

Data from the Petroleum Institute of the Philippines showed that sales last year of the country's "Big Three" refiners—Petron Corp., Caltex Philippines Inc. and Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp.—fell from 118.9 million barrels in 1999 to 109.8 million barrels last year.

Petron, the No. 1 refiner, suffered the biggest decline, as sales fell 10.1 percent from 47 million barrels in 1999 to 42.3 million barrels in 2000.

The company, however, still had the biggest market share at 39.5 percent.

Pilipinas Shell, the second-biggest local oil company, reported a 7.2-percent sales decline from 44 million barrels in 1999 to 40.9 million barrels in 2000.

Caltex said petroleum sales fell 4.3 percent to 26.7 million barrels in 2000 from 27.9 million barrels in 1999.

Industry experts said the oil sector suffered big losses because of the economic slowdown.

According to the PIP, shrinking transport, agricultural and industrial markets have led to dwindling sales.

The Big Three's biggest customer, state-run National Power Corp., decided last year to slash purchases to lessen its dependence on imported fuel to fire up its power plants. Napocor has been shifting to cheaper sources of energy like coal, water, heat from the earth's core and natural gas.

PIP said petroleum companies were suffering from high operational costs and shrinking profit margins.

"This is not a good time for the industry," Petron senior manager Jose Campos said. "Now, the more that you sell, the more revenues you loose because of the very high operational costs."

Campos said the Big Three were also suffering from competition from new players in the industry. *Christine A. Gaylican*

What to do with Erap

QUESTIONS OF POLICIES

Honesto C. General

THERE is a looming debate over what to do with Joseph Estrada and his cronies. The bleeding hearts plead for reconciliation as part of the healing process promised by President Macapagal-Arroyo. Senator Pimentel suggests bundling Estrada into exile, like Napoleon Bonaparte, to stabilize the nation.

I go with those who say that we should apply the law because no one is above or below the law. If Estrada and his cronies have broken the law, they should be brought to trial before a fair and impartial judge. If prosecutors prove their case, the appropriate punishment should be meted out. This is not vengeance, but justice. Perhaps then, graft and corruption shall cease to ravage the land.

A three-member People's Court should be set up, just like the one that tried the collaborators after World War II. A well-funded special team of government prosecutors, assisted by topnotch private prosecutors should be organized. (By the way, it was in the post-World War II People's Court that a brilliant prosecutor, Lorenzo Tañada, made his name.)

To speed things up, the case should be heard everyday just like the aborted impeachment trial. Let it be covered by TV and radio.

Will the government have the tenacity to pursue the case? Recent history is not encouraging. The first official act of President Cory Aquino was to establish the Presidential Commission on Good Government to go after the Marcoses' and their cronies. After 15 years, some money has been recovered but no one has landed in jail. On the contrary, some Marcos stalwarts are actually in power.

Let us see how other governments do it. When the Republic of Israel was born in 1949, a government policy was to pursue all Nazi war criminals responsible for the Holocaust and the slaughter of six million Jews. The most notorious was Adolf Eichmann. The Mossad, Israel's secret service, tracked him down in Argentina in 1962. Eichmann was shanghaied out of Argentina, brought to Israel where he was tried and hanged. The search for other war criminals continues.

In 1787, the British Navy sent HMS Bounty, commanded by Lt. William Bligh, to Tahiti to gather breadfruit seedlings for transplanting to the West Indies. Bligh's tyrannical rule provoked a mutiny on April 28, 1789. Led by Fletcher Christian, the mutineers set Bligh and 18 loyal members of the crew adrift in an open boat. In a stirring feat of seamanship, Bligh and his gallant crew sailed almost 4,000 kilometers to Timor, from which they found their way to England.

A naval vessel was sent to the South Pacific with orders to hunt down the mutineers for as long as it would take. Seventeen were seized in Tahiti, where Christian had left them. They were brought back to England and tried. Three ringleaders were hanged. Christian and eight followers settled in uncharted Pitcairn Island where one survivor was found in 1808, almost 20 years after the search began. There has never been a mutiny on a British vessel since then.

The case against Estrada and his cronies has to be pursued with all the tenacity at the command of the government, but always within the bounds of law, no matter how long it will take. Let a strong message go forth: No matter how high up you are in the government hierarchy, if you break the law, you won't get away with it.

We can talk about protecting the economy and saving lives and property. We can talk about the moral bases for going after the bastards. But above all, let us think of our grandchildren. When the Filipino people rose at Edsa I, my granddaughter DenDen was three years old. Now a college sophomore, she was in Edsa II. My youngest granddaughter, Timmy, is now four years old. Fifteen years from now, will she be at Edsa III?

SEC seen approving RP-registered funds

By Elena R. Torrijos

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Commission is favorably considering the request of international insurance groups to allow Philippine-registered mutual funds to invest in foreign securities.

SEC Chair Lilia Bautista said the commission would probably approve the proposal, subject to certain constraints such as clearance with the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, if the investment would reach $6 million or above.

Bautista said Sun Life Insurance Co. and Philippine America Life and General Assurance Co. had asked the SEC if they could introduce to the local market Philippine-registered mutual funds that would invest in US and global equities.

Sun Life earlier announced a plan to create a Philippine-registered mutual fund that would invest in securities abroad.

Documents obtained by the Inquirer showed that Sun Life Asset Management Co. Inc. last month asked the Securities and Exchange Commission to approve its plan to create a mutual fund that would invest in equities in the United States and other international markets.

In a letter, Sun Life Asset Management president Rolando Robles told SEC Chair Lilia Bautista that the Philippine-registered mutual fund would invest abroad through funds managed by Sun Life.

These mutual funds include Massachusetts Financial Services, the oldest mutual fund manager in the United States; Spectrum Investments, a leading mutual fund in Canada; McLean Budden Ltd., one of Canada's oldest money managers; and UK-based SLC Asset Management.

Robles also asked the SEC to exempt from its 10-percent investment limit rule Sun Life Asset Management's mutual fund considering the underlying assets of the funds to be invested in were already fully diversified.

"Diversification is a key feature of the mutual funds managed by our international affiliates. They diversify investments considerably on a per tuna basis. As such, we feel that investing in nine or more funds to meet the 10 percent investment rule limit is redundant since the desirable level of diversification will already be achieved singly by any of our affiliated funds," he said.

Robles assured Bautista that Sun Life Asset Management would pursue measures or steps to support the commission's efforts to protect consumers and investors.

He said in developing its foreign funds, Sun Life Asset Management would deal only with its affiliates and ensure that the funds would not be used for speculation.

SEC to draw up rules on innovative markets

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Commission is set to draw up the implementing rules and regulations for the establishment of innovative trading markets such as electronic communications networks.

Under the Securities Regulation Code enacted in August, the SEC has six months from the effectivity of the law to come up with the implementing rules and regulations on the registration and licensing of innovative trading markets.

The implementing rules and regulations will cover the issuance and trading of innovative securities, securities of small, medium, growth and venture enterprises, and technology-based ventures.

An SEC official said the regulatory body would tap consultants to help it come up with the implementing rules and regulations before the deadline next month.

The official said the SEC was collating data on rules and laws on innovative and other trading markets in other jurisdictions and would choose what were applicable to the Philippine setting.

The SEC later this year will also come up with the rules on the re-establishment of a futures exchange.

In 1999 the Philippine Stock Exchange and the group led by broker Roddy Cruz applied for a license to operate a futures exchange but the commission decided to postpone entertaining or processing the applications indefinitely. At that time, the commission was inclined to grant the license to PSE if the exchange were able co meet the requirements.

The SEC official, however, said the commission might prefer to issue a license to a group apart from the PSE in order to foster competition.

Meanwhile, officials of the SEC and PSE also plan to sit down and discuss aligning the exchange's rules with the implementing rules and regulations of the SEC that went in effect earlier this year.

In particular, the PSE is being asked to submit new rules on block sales given the passage of the Securities Regulation Code and its implementing rules and regulations.

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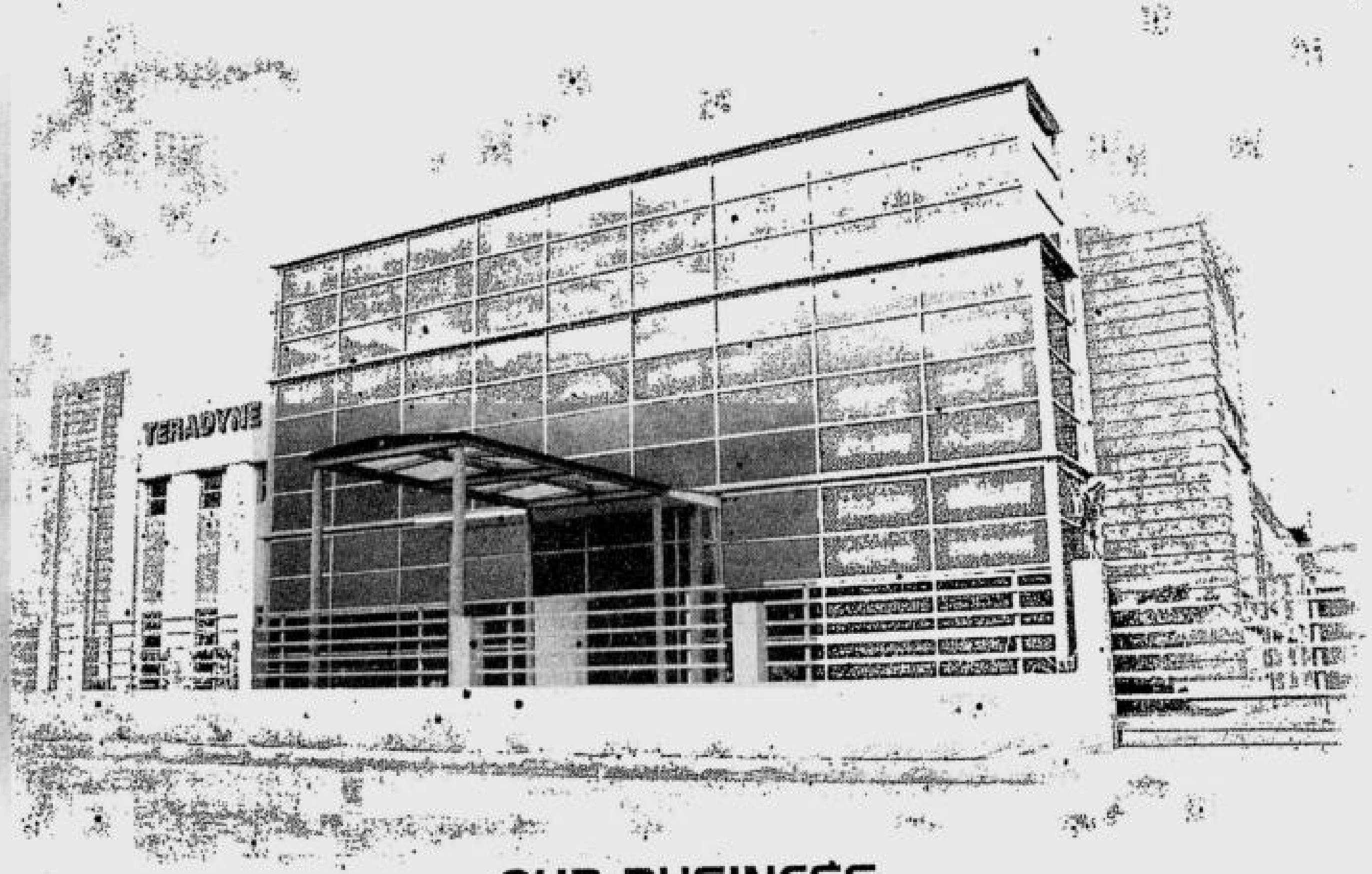

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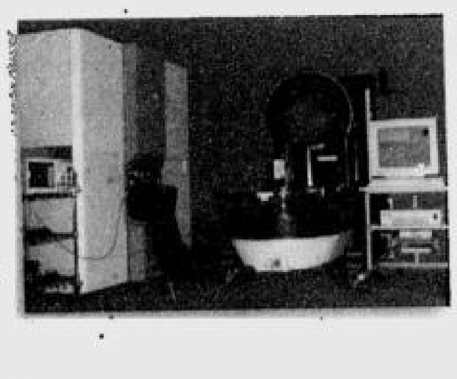

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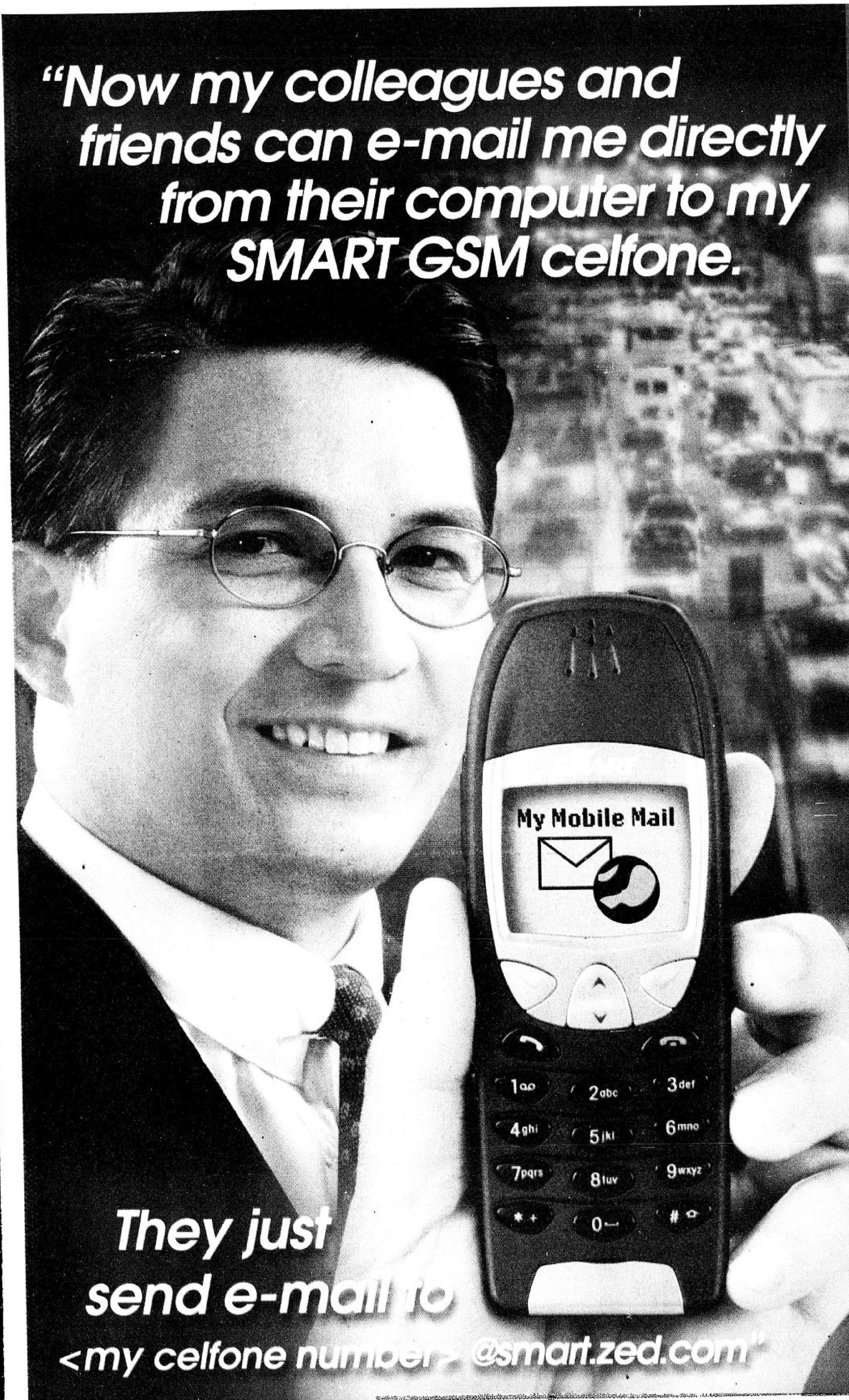
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Local stocks seen to post moderate gains this week

MARKET PLAY

By Doris C. Dumlao

AFTER a dramatic rise last week, the local stock market is still expected to post moderate gains this week as investors remain bullish on the country's long-term prospects following the assumption of a new political leadership.

After a buying binge involving blue-chip stocks, which propped up the main share Philippine Stock Exchange composite index by 255.25 points or 17.57 percent week-on-week to 1,708.18 on Friday, liquidity in the market is seen to continue shifting to second and third liners.

"The change in government last week marked the start of a long-term bottoming process. Technically, the Phisix appears to have a pretty strong support at the neckline (1,570) of a bullish inverted head-and-shoulder formation. As such, the market should have a minimal downside due to the strong support. However, we expect volatility to slow down as we already had a pretty good run." Wise Securities head of research Jose Vistan said.

Vistan noted that the solid breadth seen all throughout last week was an indication that the market was still holding well despite some profit-taking amid rumors of a coup d'etat.

BPI Securities analyst Spencer Yap, on the other hand, said the index was likely to rise slower this week amid some possible correction on overbought blue-chip stocks.

Second liners

"We expect the market to continue to focus on second- and third-line issues as the prices of these stocks continue to be more attractive relative to price levels of big-cap index issues. Given this shift to smaller-cap issues, index gains may be minimal over the next few trading days," Yap said.

"Foreign buying has also thinned, hinting at possible corrective pressure on the major index issues. Interested investors may have opportunities for accumulation but larger gains are still expected from smaller-cap issues," he said.

Based on technical considerations, the outlook for the Phisix remains bullish after breaking out of the 1,664 and 1,695 range, according to BPI Securities technical analyst Roberto Cano.

"It is now testing the resistance at 1,708, which was the close of Monday's euphoric session. If the Phisix breaks the 1,708 resistance this week, the market is likely to resume its upward move with a possible target of 1,953 (the intra-day high last Monday)," Cano said.

Cano also stressed that the Phisix was moving within an immediate upward channel since October last year, with technical resistance at 1,746 and support at 1,500.

Vistan, for his part, said that investors would be waiting this week for the decision of the US Federal Reserve on key interest rates. He noted that the market is expecting a rate cut of at least 25 basis points to help the global economy recover.

"Still, investors shouldn't be lulled into a false sense of security as very rarely do things turn on a dime. Investors need to take a step back and look at the longer-term picture. It's no secret that the next quarter or two at a minimum are going to be rough. As such, what market players should really be paying attention to is the economic policies of the new administration over the next two or three years," Vistan said.

This developed as based on the figures released last Friday, the country's economic growth slowed down in the fourth quarter of 2000.

The country's fourth quarter gross domestic product (GDP) grew by 3.6 percent, lower than the third quarter's 4.6-percent growth, although the expansion still came out higher than the consensus of 3.5 percent. For the whole of 2000, the country grew by 3.9 percent.

Concerns

"Even as investors cannot shrug off fundamental concerns, the market has some pretty good sentiment to it. Investors do not want to dwell on today's problems but instead on tomorrow's prospects. Investors will still be trading with some caution, but they seem to be growing more confident that corporate profits and the economy will eventually improve within a few years time, partly because of the change in government," Vistan said.

"Unlike in the past months wherein the market was hounded by uncertainties, a tinge of optimism has finally come into the market and it is from this cautious optimism that the country's future will build from," he said.

Yap agreed that the new confidence in the Macapagal administration is being translated into a positive outlook for the Philippine economy over the next six to 12 months.

"Investors are anticipating that the improvement in confidence and lower interest rates will translate into a higher consumer consumption within the year. However, the market may be holding back as it awaits the government's concrete economic policies and programs to tackle the problems that challenge it," Yap said.

PLDT submits final bid to buy GMA-7

By Anthony O. Alcantara

PHILIPPINE Long Distance Telephone Co. has given its final offer to GMA Network Inc. (GMA-7) for the acquisition of a majority stake in the TV firm through Mediaquest Holdings Inc., a subsidiary of the telecom giant's beneficial trust fund.

A source familiar with the negotiations said PLDT gave a copy of a proposed memorandum of understanding to GMA-7 last Friday.

"I think (GMA-7's) adviser for the deal is now reviewing the MOU. Perhaps they would propose to make some changes and present the proposal together with their comments to the shareholders of GMA (this week)," he said.

He added that Chase Manhattan had been hired by GMA-7 to help in the negotiations with PLDT. He could not give the details of the proposed MOU but said its highlights included the pricing and the transfer of majority control to the PLDT group.

According to another source, the acquisition cost could reach billions of pesos and that PLDT wanted to acquire at least two-thirds of the shares in GMA-7.

The source earlier said that PLDT might have to pursue the acquisition of Associated Broadcasting Corp. (ABC-5) if GMA-7 would reject the company's final offer.

Among the considerations of the PLDT group for the acquisition are price, prospects of business, cash flow, revenue and market positioning.

The source said PLDT was considering ABC-5 of Mr. Edward Tan not only because it was relatively much cheaper than GMA-7, but also because the company has more flexibility compared to its bigger competitor.

In an earlier interview, Mediaquest president Antonio R. Samson declined to comment on the status of the negotiations but said the PLDT group was "moving closer" to acquiring a TV firm "with a better perception of the economy."

"We're building up the content aspect of our convergence strategy because it's our weakest link," he said.

Mediaquest is the subsidiary of PLDT's retirement trust fund. It has been tasked with the management and acquisition of broadcast companies for the PLDT group.

Since existing laws prohibit telecommunications companies from acquiring broadcast companies, the PLDT group would have to course the acquisition through Mediaquest.

GMA-7 is owned by the Jimenez family (35 percent), the Duavit group (35 percent) and the Gozon group (30 percent).

Philippine Stock Exchange

(As of Friday, January 26, 2001)

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Asiatrust Dev. Bank Inc.	6.90	8	6.9	8	11,000
Banco Filipino Sav & Mort	175.0	175	175	175	250
Bank of the Phil. Islands	71.50	72.5	71.5	72	518,700
China Banking Corp.	750.0	750	750	750	400
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	59.00	60	58.5	58.5	505,500
First E-Bank Corp.	2.00	2	2	2	17,000
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	240.0	242	238	240	31,210
Philippine National Bank	32.50	33.5	31	31	448,200
Phil. Savings Bank	30.00	30	30	30	200
Rizal Comm'l. Bkg. Corp. "A"	28.00	28	28	28	100
Union Bank of the Phil.	33.00	33	32	32	2,100
FINANCIAL SERVICE					
Bankard Inc.	1.74	1.76	1.7	1.7	936,000
Filipino Fund Inc.	.3800	.38	.38	.38	50,000
Manulife Financial Corp.	1300	1310	1300	1310	5,080
PCI Leasing & Fin. Inc.	1.22	1.3	1.22	1.3	134,000
Sun Life Financial Serv.	1100	1110	1100	1100	29,340
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	50.00	50.5	49	50	55,800
Diversified Fin. Network	9.70	10	9.7	9.8	2,440,000
Digital Telecom Phils. Inc.	.7300	.73	.67	.68	8,040,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	760.0	770	760	770	380
Island Info and Tech Inc.	.0725	.075	.07	.07	46,600,000
Liberty Telecoms Holdings	.4700	.47	.47	.47	30,000
Manila Bulletin Pub. Corp.	4.10	4.1	4	4	8,000
Piltel	.7200	.74	.69	.7	1,260,000
Phil. Telegraph & Tel. Co.	.4500	.45	.45	.45	40,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	910.0	930	910	930	36,140
Ivantage Corp.	1.18	1.24	1.12	1.14	5,260,000
Philweb.com Inc.	.0750	.085	.075	.0825	1,013,400,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. "A"	57.00	57	56	56	52,000
Manila Electric Co. "B"	62.00	63	61	62	2,681,400
Petron Corp.	1.96	2.08	1.96	2.08	27,755,000
Trans-Asia Oil and Energy	.9900	.99	.99	.99	30,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Asian Terminals Inc.	1.10	1.1	1.08	1.08	6,034,000
Int'l Container Term'l SV	1.16	1.32	1.16	1.32	16,927,000
Keppel Phils. Marine Inc.	.4700	.59	.47	.59	320,000
William, Gothong & Aboitiz	1.86	1.86	1.86	1.86	19,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Alsons Cement Corp.	.2400	.25	.24	.24	320,000
Engineering Equip. Inc.	.5200	.59	.52	.58	9,060,000
Union Cement Corp.	.7000	.75	.65	.65	3,020,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Alaska Milk Corp.	2.20	2.3	2.18	2.3	101,000
Cosmos Bottling Corp.	2.70	2.7	2.65	2.7	67,000
Jollibee Foods Corp.	11.50	11.75	11.5	11.75	160,500
La Tondeña Distillers Inc.	37.00	37	36	36	348,000
Pancake House Inc.	1.58	1.6	1.58	1.6	52,000
RFM Corp.	1.08	1.08	1	1	5,715,000
San Miguel Corp. "A"	50.00	50	49.5	50	75,600
San Miguel Corp. "B"	59.00	61.5	59	61	78,623,400
Universal Robina Corp.	5.00	5.5	5	5.5	51,000
Vitarich Corp.	.4700	.47	.46	.46	230,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Atok-Big Wedge Co. Inc.	9.90	10	9.9	10	6,000
Abacus Con Res & Hdg "A"	.5500	.6	.55	.57	310,000
Abacus Con Res & Hdg B	.5700	.59	.57	.59	20,000
Ayala Corp.	8.40	8.5	8.3	8.4	4,232,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	1.62	1.62	1.6	1.6	1,819,000
Alliance Global Group Inc.	12.75	13	12.5	12.75	26,100
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	1.14	1.26	1.12	1.22	2,006,000
A. Soriano Corp.	.3500	.35	.33	.33	220,000
APC Group Inc.	.2700	.29	.27	.27	1,680,000
Alcorn Gold Res. Corp.	.0060	.006	.0055	.0055	21,000,000
ATN Holdings Inc.	2.80	2.8	2.8	2.8	10,000
Baguio Gold Holdings Corp.	2.00	2	2	2	10,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	3.15	3.2	3.05	3.1	12,575,000
Basic Consolidated Inc.	.2400	.24	.2	.2	390,000
Crown Equities Inc.	.3000	.34	.3	.3	2,830,000
Southeast Asian Cement	.2400	.24	.24	.24	400,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	.5000	.58	.5	.58	8,620,000
Ebecom Holdings Inc.	.1900	.22	.19	.2	6,720,000
Ever-Gotesco Resources	.0625	.0625	.06	.06	3,200,000
Fil-Estate Corp.	1.80	1.9	1.8	1.9	10,000
Filinvest Dev. Corp.	1.10	1.36	1.1	1.36	15,900,000
First Phil. Hldgs. Corp.	24.75	25	24.5	24.5	281,100
Forum Pacific Inc.	.2500	.34	.25	.34	680,000
Global Equities Inc.	.4200	.45	.41	.41	4,840,000
Guoco Holdings (Phils.)	.3100	.33	.31	.32	870,000
Ionics Inc.	15.00	15.25	15	15	177,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	2.65	2.65	2.46	2.6	3,565,000
Macroasia Corp.	2.20	2.3	2.2	2.3	140,000
Marsteel Cons. Inc. "A"	.0220	.022	.022	.022	1,000,000
Megaworld Corp.	.9400	1.06	.94	1.06	55,200,000
Mabuhay Holdings Corp.	.2100	.23	.21	.23	300,000
Multitech Inv. Corp.	.3100	.32	.31	.32	1,260,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	.6900	.72	.69	.71	38,630,000
Solid Group Inc.	.7500	.79	.7	.76	7,720,000
Unioil Res. & Holdings Co.	.2000	.2	.2	.2	220,000
Uniwide Holdings Inc.	.4500	.46	.42	.42	26,350,000
Wellex Industries Inc.	.4500	.47	.42	.47	230,000
Waterfront Phils. Inc.	.3300	.38	.31	.36	8,040,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
A Brown Company Inc.	.7500	.75	.7	.7	240,000
Corro-Coat Inc.	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.44	10,000
Euro-Med Lab. Phil. Inc.	4.85	4.85	4.85	4.85	4,000
Macondray Plastics Inc.	6.50	6.5	6.5	6.5	3,000
Music Corp.	3.50	3.65	3.5	3.5	1,260,000
Mabuhay Vinyl Corp.	.5700	.61	.57	.61	20,000
Picop Resources Inc.	.1600	.17	.15	.15	5,370,000
SPI Technologies Inc.	9.20	10	9.2	10	502,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICE					
Belle Corp.	.7000	.75	.7	.75	33,710,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	.7500	.86	.73	.85	33,790,000
Leisure & Resorts Corp.	.6000	.65	.6	.64	10,530,000
Premiere Ent. Prod. Inc.	.3100	.46	.31	.38	440,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (PDR)	49.50	50.5	49.5	49.5	217,900
DMCI Holdings Inc.-Pref.	560.0	560	530	530	1,000
Equitable PCI Bank-War	4.10	4.1	3.7	3.7	160,000
Globe Telecom Hldg. (PDR)	740.0	780	720	780	1,830
Jollibee Warrants	11.25	11.25	11	11.25	173,200
Macroasia Corp. Warrants	.3500	.36	.35	.36	370,000
Omico Corp. Warrant	.0040	.0042	.0038	.0038	1,098,000,000
PLDT (10% Pref) Series I	10.00	10	10	10	2,000
PLDT (10% Pref) Series U	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	1,400
PLDT (10% Pref) Series V	10.50	10.5	10.5	10.5	700
PLDT (10% Pref) Series W	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	1,400
PLDT (10% Pref) Series Z	10.50	10.5	10.5	10.5	5,500
Waterfront Phils.-Warrant	.0650	.0675	.065	.0675	400,000
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	7.00	7	6.8	6.9	17,568,000
Araneta Properties Inc.	.4300	.48	.43	.48	670,000
Cebu Holdings Inc.	.4500	.47	.45	.47	860,000
C & P Homes Inc.	.3900	.42	.38	.39	53,000,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	.5200	.59	.52	.55	3,610,000
Empire East Land Inc.	.5100	.54	.5	.51	35,570,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	2.30	2.75	2.3	2.75	53,340,000
Gotesco Land Inc.	.0500	.0525	.05	.05	3,800,000
Gotesco Land Inc. "B"	.0500	.0525	.05	.05	2,200,000
Keppel Phils. Prop. Inc.	.8500	.85	.85	.85	359,000
Kuok Phil. Properties	.2000	.21	.2	.21	1,880,000
Fil-Estate Land Inc.	.5400	.65	.54	.55	2,850,000
MRC Allied Ind. Inc.	.5500	.57	.55	.55	1,250,000
Philippine Estates Corp.	.1850	.19	.185	.19	40,000
Robinsons Land Corp.	2.14	2.14	2.14	2.14	10,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	6.90	7.1	6.7	6.9	7,773,000
Universal Rightfield Prop.	.1250	.145	.125	.14	22,820,000
Urbancorp Realty Dev. Inc.	.4700	.47	.47	.47	10,000
MINING					
Apex Mining Co. Inc. "A"	.0075	.0075	.007	.0075	18,000,000
Apex Mining Co. Inc. "B"	.0075	.0075	.0075	.0075	3,000,000
Abra Mining & Industrial	.0065	.0065	.006	.006	87,000,000
Dizon Copper Silver Mines	2.18	2.18	2.18	2.18	5,000
Itogon-Suyoc Mines "A"	.0230	.024	.022	.022	14,700,000
Itogon-Suyoc Mines "B"	.0250	.025	.021	.022	3,500,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co. "A"	.2000	.2	.2	.2	80,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co. "B"	.2300	.23	.21	.23	1,050,000
Manila Mining Corp. "A"	.0070	.007	.007	.007	16,000,000
Manila Mining Corp. "B"	.0075	.0075	.0075	.0075	20,000,000
Omico Corp.	.0055	.006	.005	.0055	570,000,000
Polar Mines & Dev't. Corp.	.0240	.027	.024	.024	18,500,000
Philex Mining Corp. "A"	.2500	.25	.22	.22	210,000
Philex Mining Corp. "B"	.2450	.26	.245	.26	1,160,000
United Paragon Mining Co.	.1800	.19	.18	.18	250,000
OIL					
Imperial Res.	.0330	.036	.033	.036	101,200,000
Interport Res.	.0075	.0075	.0075	.0075	2,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. "A"	.0065	.0075	.0065	.0065	64,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. "B"	.0065	.0065	.0065	.0065	18,000,000
The Philodrill Corp. "A"	.3300	.33	.33	.33	100,000
Pacifica	.0220	.023	.021	.022	212,900,000
Sinophil Corp.	.1050	.135	.105	.12	16,520,000
Vulcan Ind'l.	.2500	.29	.25	.28	1,420,000

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United States	Dollar	1.081666	1.000000	48.6380
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United Kingdom	Pound	1.580206	1.460900	71.0553
Hong Kong	Dollar	0.138686	0.128215	6.2361
Switzerland	Franc	0.655475	0.605987	29.4740
Canada	Dollar	0.717761	0.663570	32.2747
Singapore	Dollar	0.621076	0.574185	27.9272
Australia	Dollar	0.588758	0.544307	26.4740
Bahrain	Dinar	2.869293	2.652661	129.0201
Kuwait	Dinar	N/A	N/A	N/A
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.288406	0.266631	12.9684
Brunei	Dollar	0.619298	0.572541	27.8472
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000115	0.000106	0.0052
Thailand	Baht	0.025167	0.023267	1.1317
UAE	Dirham	0.294507	0.272272	13.2428
Korea	Won	0.000848	0.000784	0.0381
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Calatagan Golf Club "A"	80,000	100,000
Calatagan Golf Club "B"	-	130,000
Camp John Hay	350,000	400,000
Canlubang	800,000	850,000
Canyonwoods	-	400,000
Capitol Hills	115,000	135,000
Cebu Country Club	2,000,000	2,300,000
Celebrity Sports Club	180,000	210,000
City Sports Club Cebu "A"	-	709,500
City Sports Club Cebu "B"	-	764,500
City Sports Club Cebu "C"	-	1,226,500
Club Filipino	300,000	330,000
Eagle Ridge "A"/"B"/"C"	Please Call	Please Call
Eastridge "A"	-	260,000
Evercrest "A"	-	110,000
Forest Hills "A"	250,000	280,000
Forest Hills "B"	-	320,000
Forest Hills "C"	-	450,000
Makati Sports Club "A"	350,000	400,000
Makati Sports Club "B"	-	500,000
Manila Golf (Corporate)	-	18,000,000
Manila Golf (Individual)	13,500,000	15,000,000
Manila Polo	2,600,000	-
Manila Southwoods "A"	800,000	850,000
Manila Southwoods "B"	850,000	920,000
Metropolitan Club "B"	-	200,000
Mimosa Golf & Country Club (Ind./Corp.)	Please Call	Please Call
Montemar (Corp.)	-	55,000
Montemar (Ind.)	-	30,000
Orchard Golf Club "A"	Please Call	Please Call
Orchard Golf Club "B"	Please Call	Please Call
Orchard Golf Club "C"	-	Please Call
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Eastridge "A"	20,000	Tagaytay CC	30,000
Forest Hills	30,000	Tagaytay Golf	65,000
Manila Southwoods	50,000	Tivoli Royale	20,000
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Forest Hills "A"	260,000	Camp John Hay	350,000
Forest Hills "B"	260,000	Capitol	115,000
Manila Golf	15,500,000	Southwoods	830,000
Manila Golf (Corp.)	17,000,000	Southwoods B	850,000
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Orchard C	650,000	Wack Wack	7.5M
Riviera A	280,000	Sta. Elena "A"	1.9M
Riviera B	350,000	Sta. Elena "B"	2M
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4.	CALATAGAN GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB "A"	150,000	100,000
5.	CAMP JOHN HAY	400,000	320,000
6.	CANLUBANG GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB	850,000	
7.	CAPITOL HILLS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB	120,000	
8.	CELEBRITY CLUB	220,000	200,000
9.	COUNTRY CLUB AT TAGAYTAY HIGHLANDS	490,000	450,000
10.	CLUB FILIPINO	340,000	320,000
11.	EASTRIDGE GOLF CLUB "A"	250,000	220,000
12.	EAGLERIDGE GOLF CLUB "A"	400,000	330,000
13.	EVERCREST GOLF CLUB "A"	130,000	
14.	FAIRWAYS & BLUEWATER	Pls. Call	Pls. Call
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18.	MAKATI SPORTS CLUB "A"	500,000	400,000
19.	MAKATI SPORTS CLUB "B"	500,000	
20.	MANILA GOLF CLUB (CORP)	17,500,000	
21.	MANILA POLO CLUB		2,600,000
22.	MANILA SOUTHWOODS GOLF CLUB "B"	1,000,000	850,000
23.	MANILA YACHT CLUB	650,000	
24.	METROPOLITAN CLUB "A"	170,000	
25.	METROPOLITAN CLUB "B"	200,000	160,000
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27.	MT. MALARAYAT GOLF CLUB (CORP)	900,000	
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The SEC responds

ON THE MONEY
John Mangun

IT WAS as if 18 months of stupor had been washed away at the Philippine Stock Exchange.

Suddenly I was deluged by calls from people that I had not heard from for a long, long time asking about the potential for investment in this market. (By the way, you owe me two years of Christmas and birthday greetings.)

Technically, the market, as noted two weeks ago, showed indications that a rise was in the offing. My perception is that the "big" money is still sitting on the sidelines. Personal experience this past week is that large amounts of fresh funds are still waiting for confirmation that this rise is not simply political euphoria. The great volatility in the price of the peso has kept a nagging cloud on the horizon.

Those who bought dollars at 50 and above are reluctant to admit to foolish timing. Importers are faced with a dilemma. They must buy dollars to supply their needs and are thinking that if they wait the cost of dollars may be cheaper. I see a 44 exchange rate.

Philippine government interest rates should continue to decrease. Although much official talk has been on the budget deficit, I think the concern is overblown. As long as President Macapagal-Arroyo keeps her financial head about pump priming this economy, the current deficit is manageable. What we need to be concerned about is getting into the system funds that were placed outside the country during the last four months. And of course, OCW remittances are needed right now.

In response to my column of two weeks ago regarding the new capital requirements for stock brokerage firms, I received a lengthy letter from Ms Lilia Bautista, chair of the Securities and Exchange Commission. I was flattered. I thought you were the only important person that reads my weekly musings.

In the interest of "Balanced News" while maintaining my "Fearless Views," allow me to give the position of the SEC as presented in Ms Bautista's letter.

I have always been concerned about the financial soundness of individual stock brokerage firms.

Remember some time ago I thought it would be wise if all brokers furnished clients with a financial statement? Good luck on that one. As an investor, you need to be worried about two things. The first is you execute an order to buy. The broker has your money but he fails to pay for the trade and everybody loses—specially you. The second concern is that the broker goes bankrupt and you have cash or stock registered in "street name" sitting with him that you have trouble getting. I know of individuals who, having done business with failed companies, have not been compensated after literally years of waiting.

To tackle this problem, the SEC has formulated rules based on the Securities Regulation Code (SRC) as follows.

Brokers will be required to maintain a certain amount of Net Capital that will be calculated and monitored on a daily basis to insure that the firm is financially solvent.

Brokers will be required to contribute to a guarantee fund that will guarantee that payment of monies and delivery of shares will take place on all orders you execute on the stock exchange. The volume and a portion of the amount of trading done by the top four brokers will determine the amount each broker pays in. Experts estimate this fund needs at least P4 billion to be credible. Further, although settlement is three days after the trade, brokers will be required to fully pay any negative positions. Currently they can run a P5-million exposure.

Brokers will be required to have a large paid-up capital (P100 million?) for new applicants and a similar amount by way of a surety bond for existing brokers. This is primarily to be used as a result of the company's non-compliance with the law and resulting damage payments to customers.

Brokers will be required to contribute to an investor protection fund primarily to be used in the event that the broker completely fails financially. Clients will be covered for the firm's default up to a certain amount somewhat like the deposit insurance you receive at a bank.

With Ms Bautistia's permission, allow me to summarize the way this will work and what the expected results might be.

Stockbrokers will be financially larger and presumably stronger and their size and strength will be checked regularly. They will not be able to execute large orders without actually depositing monies to cover the cost of the trade. A guarantee fund will be set up to insure proper settlement of cash and shares. A protection fund will help offset losses to clients if the firm fails. The goal is too make sure that brokers pay for the stock they order to buy and if they go broke, you are not left holding the financial bag.

I hope that this adequately clarifies and explains some of the new regulations that are to be promulgated by the SEC. However, my opinion is that these rules, based on the inadequate SRC, are only a first step in providing investor protection. My concerns are twofold. First, on paper, it looks good but the actual implementation may bring a different reality. Second, relying on inadequate "protection" may be worse than "no protection" at all. I hope to more thoroughly address these points next week.

On a personal note, I have changed my email address to johnmangun@yahoo.com effective immediately. I know that this change will allow me to answer you more promptly.

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Cocktales

(From page B3)

ily of John Ng of Cathay Metal has decided to convert the 35-story Ortigas condo into a hotel.

The 292 all suite-hotel will partially open next month, with no less than former Manila Hotel general manager Miguel Cerqueda providing management services.

- IN case you had failed to notice, the residential condominium market seems to be stirring again, with mid-market Megaworld specially and Moldex having resumed full-color newspaper advertisements.

Heard through the grapevine

THE MOST important qualification of the two recent appointees to the Government Service Insurance System is that both of them are nominees of former Cebu Gov. Emilio "Lito" Osmeña.

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which shelved investment plans in the country in the last four months to reconsider.

Among these are French retailers Casino and Carrefour. Casino was close to hammering out a deal to rescue the Uniwide Group and fork out $150 million in new capital when it dropped plans following the series of bombings in late December.

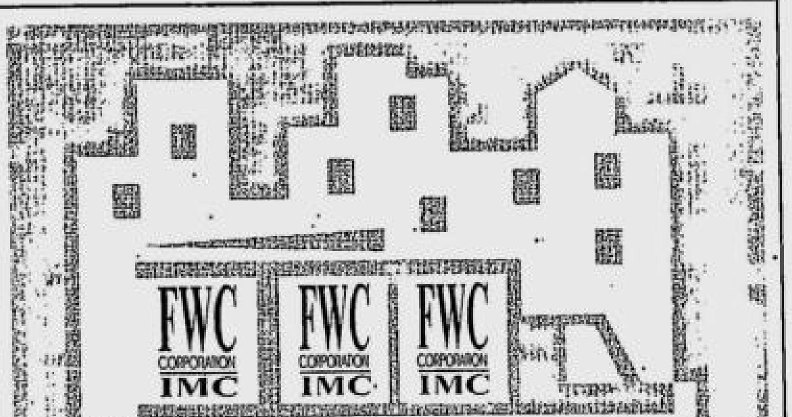
Carrefour's tie-up with the Rustan's Group was also shelved as a reaction to the juetengate scandal.

"Maybe now these guys would reconsider as they could see how the perception has improved," Buenaventura said. Improved business environment should also attract more investors to the local stock market.

Buenaventura pointed out that net portfolio inflow in November was the highest for last year at $161.1 million even as he recognized a $500-million shift in the direction of portfolio investment from a $386.8-million net inflow in the first 11 months of 1999 to a net outflow of $109.6 million last year.

Despite the inflow of $301.2 million in November, portfolio investments in the first 11 months of the year still registered a net outflow of $109.6 million against a net inflow of $386.8 million in the same period last year.

Buenaventura said more hot money is slipping back to take advantage of the cheap prices in the local bourse as well as significant returns on government securities.



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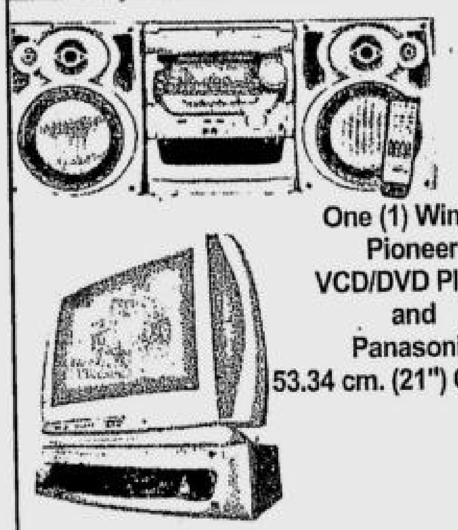

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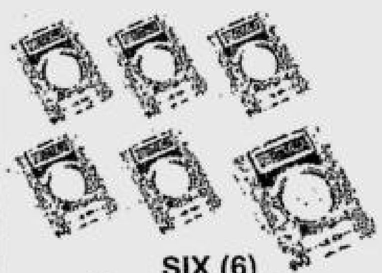

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Wall Street dealers see a half-point rate cut

NEW YORK—All 25 bond dealers that trade directly with the Federal Reserve now say the central bank will cut interest rates by a half-percentage point to 5.5 percent this week.

Banc One Capital Markets Inc. changed its forecast this morning to a half-point from a quarter-point cut after Fed Chair Alan Greenspan's testimony to the Senate budget committee, Anthony Karydakis, an economist at Banc One in Chicago, said.

On Thursday, "Greenspan made the comment that the economic slowdown has been 'very dramatic' and then proceeded to say in the same breath that growth now 'is close to zero' while inflation remains exceptionally well contained," Karydakis said.

"We get the clear impression that he is, indeed, uneasy about the extent of the current slowdown and is willing to implement bolder action to minimize risks going forward," he said.

Treasuries rallied Thursday on Greenspan's comments, but fell Friday as investors bet that prices already reflected a 5.5-percent Fed funds target. On the week, the yield on the benchmark 10-year note rose 9.2 basis points to 5.26 percent, while the yield on the two-year note, among the securities most sensitive to changes in Fed policy, rose 1.9 basis points to 4.75 percent.

"With all the help for the economy on the horizon, it's hard for the Treasury market to do a lot better," said Peter Cordrey, who helps oversee $130 billion at Prudential Asset Management in Newark, New Jersey. "Now the game is how soon we are going to see the economy turn around" with help from a rate cut and an expected tax cut by President George W. Bush.

Some investors interpreted Greenspan's lack of substantive comments in his prepared text Thursday as validation of a half-point cut this month.

"If he thought the market was being too aggressive in its rate-cut expectations, he might have come out to derail that," said Gary Pzegeo, who helps manage $2 billion at Evergreen Investment Management in Boston. "Given that he didn't say that much, that means that the Fed will do another 50 basis point cut."

Bond traders have priced in an 85-percent chance of a half-point rate cut, according to Andrew Pyle, a senior economist at Scotia Capital in Toronto. On the day, the implied yield on the February Fed funds futures contract, a close gauge of Fed-rate expectations for that month, fell three basis points to 5.52 percent. That yield has fallen 59 basis points since the end of last year, suggesting heightened rate-cut expectations.

The Fed surprised investors on Jan. 3 by cutting the target, which affected the cost of borrowing for businesses and consumers, a half-point to 6 percent. Fed policymakers had raised the target six times since June 1999 by a total of 1.75 percentage points and had left it at 6.5 percent since May 2000 until the Jan. 3 cut.

Sixteen dealers surveyed predict the Fed will cut rates an additional quarter-point by the end of the first quarter, bringing the target to 5.25 percent.

Thirteen of them see the target at 5 percent by the end of the first half of the year. Three banks say the Fed will cut the target to 4.5 percent, while two of them see the target at 5.5 percent by that time.

"The market is still pretty confused and looking for direction," said Mario DeRose, a strategist at Edward Jones & Co. "Greenspan gave some hints that the Fed will stay aggressive, and we will probably see 50 basis points next week. But, he also came out on the side of tax cuts," which may spur rising inflation later on during year, he said.

Banc One is the only dealer to forecast that the Fed will raise rates—after cutting them by a half-point—by the end of the year.

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FEDERAL Reserve Chair Alan Greenspan (right), talks to chair Pete Domenici, R-N.M. (left), ahead of his testimony before the Senate budget committee on Capitol Hill. Greenspan told Congress that rising estimates of US budget surpluses made room for a tax cut. He said the US economy had slowed dramatically, signaling that further Fed interest rate reductions were on the way. In the background is Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa. AP

Merrill CEO to name a successor this year

DAVOS, Switzerland—Merrill Lynch & Co. chief executive David Komansky plans to designate a successor by the end of the year.

The 61-year-old New Yorker, who has been CEO of the world's biggest brokerage since 1996, said in an interview he wanted to recommend his replacement so he could begin preparing for retirement. He previously said he planned to work until he's 65.

Asked who he had in mind as a replacement in a brief interview at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, Komansky joked, "My wife." He declined further comment.

Merrill Lynch had been without a president, the presumptive successor to Komansky, since 1999 when Herbert Allison quit after the board told him he would never make it to the top spot.

Possible candidates include Stanley O'Neal, named president of its US retail brokerage last year and the first non-broker to get the job. O'Neal, an investment banker before becoming Merrill's chief financial officer, oversees 20,200 brokers. He is also one of Wall Street's highest-ranking black executives.

Other possible contenders to succeed Komansky have experience in serving both retail and institutional clients.

Jeffrey Peek, a former investment banker, has been head of Merrill's asset management and mutual fund business since 1997. Winthrop Smith, who was also a banker, runs Merrill's growing international retail brokerage unit. Thomas Davis, who oversees all of Merrill's business with corporations and institutions, is another candidate.

Komansky has been running the firm with the help of John L. Steffens, O'Neal's predecessor and current chair of the US retail brokerage, and Stephen Hammerman, Merrill's general counsel.

Merrill's shares gained 268 percent since the end of 1996, trailing rival Morgan Stanley Dean Witter & Co., but outperforming the Standard & Poor's 500 Index and the Bloomberg Wall Street Index. Morgan Stanley has risen almost 400 percent, the S&P has advanced 80 percent and the Bloomberg Wall Street Index, almost 200 percent.

Its earnings rose to $3.8 billion last year from $1.6 billion in 1996.

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ABN Amro seen buying most of ING Barings' US business

AMSTERDAM—ABN Amro Holding NV, the largest Dutch bank, might buy most of the US investment banking business of ING Groep NV for about $300 million to expand in the biggest securities market, people familiar with the companies said.

ABN Amro would get the ING Barings prime brokerage, which catered to hedge funds and wealthy individuals, and an also-ran investment bank. ING was keeping about 200 people in wholesale banking to service European clients and Furman Selz Asset Management, the people said.

"Prime brokerage can be a pretty lucrative business," said James Mitchell, an analyst at Putnam Lovell Securities Inc. He said Bear Stearns Cos., one of the biggest prime brokers, commanded profit margins over 40 percent. US banks typically post profit margins between 14 percent and 18 percent.

ABN Amro spokesman Robin Boon and ING spokeswoman Jose Tijssen declined to comment. An announcement could come by Monday, the people said.

ING, the largest Dutch financial-services company, also plans to make hundreds of job cuts in London, where it employs 1,700, eliminating all jobs not focused on the United Kingdom, according to a person familiar with the company.

ING abandoned plans to build a global investment bank because of rapid industry consolidation and rising salaries, as it imposed stricter performance targets for its businesses. In November, it hired Goldman Sachs Group Inc. to explore options, including the sale or closure of the US arm of ING Barings, and said the European arm would be rolled into ING's wholesale bank.

The key to the purchase was ABN Amro's desire for ING's prime brokerage, said analysts. The unit earns higher fees than a typical brokerage because it provides specialist services, from lending securities and financing stock trades to helping hedge funds find office space.

Though the prime brokerage accounts for only about 200 of the nearly 2,000 people ING Barings employs in the United States, unlike the investment bank, it has always been profitable.

ABN Amro currently employs about 3,000 people in the United States focusing on corporate banking and investment banking, which were merged into the bank's wholesale bank last year. The purchase of ING Barings will add about 1,600 investment bankers.

It won't push ABN Amro into the top leagues of US investment banks, though. ABN Amro and ING ranked No. 18 and 19 respectively last year for US equity offerings, arranging 13 share sales totaling $1.8 billion, according to Bloomberg data. Combined, ING Barings and ABN Amro would have ranked No. 16.

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WorldCom may cut workforce

CLINTON, Mississippi—WorldCom Inc., the second-largest US long-distance phone company, may lay off as many as 11,550 employees, or 15 percent of its workforce, to reduce costs, according to people familiar with the matter.

WorldCom may need to take a charge of as much as $866 million to cover the cuts based on figures from some telecommunications analysts. They estimate it costs about $75,000 to shed one employee, including severance payments. The layoffs were reported earlier by the Wall Street Journal.

The jobs cuts are expected mainly within the slow-growing consumer long-distance, wholesale and prepaid phone-card businesses. WorldCom and rivals such as AT&T Corp., the biggest US long-distance company, are battling increased competition from local phone companies and a drop in calling prices to as little as 2 cents a minute from 15 cents four years ago.

"The pressures on the long-distance business, consumer and commercial and wholesale, are intense, and thus I believe a massive restructuring is probably in the cards," Credit Suisse First Boston analyst Dan Reingold wrote in an e-mail message. He rates WorldCom "hold." Wholesale is the business that sells time on WorldCom's network to other phone companies.

Cutting jobs would be a role reversal for chief executive Bernard Ebbers, who built WorldCom through 75 acquisitions in 15 years. WorldCom shares, which rose more than sixtyfold from 1990 to 1998, have dropped 67 percent from a high of $64.51 in June 1999.

WorldCom on Nov. 1 said it planned to create tracking shares for the units that sold long-distance and Internet service to consumers and small businesses so it could focus on sales of data services to companies.

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Bush stalls effort to fight steel imports

WASHINGTON—The Bush administration has blocked an investigation, launched in the last week of Bill Clinton's presidency, into whether imports of iron ore and some semi-finished steel products threaten US security.

Then-Commerce Secretary Norman Mineta announced the investigation on Jan. 18, two days before President George W. Bush moved into the White House.

Bush immediately put a hold on all the Clinton administration's last-minute executive orders and non-legislative actions, ranging from the steel investigation to environmental controls and workplace regulations.

Commerce spokesman Eugene Cottilli said the decision on whether to conduct the so-called Section 232 investigation would not come until the issue was carefully reviewed by new Commerce Secretary Don Evans.

The investigation was "still under review by the incoming administration and hasn't been published in the Federal Register yet," he said.

Publication in the Federal Register, the official record of the US government, gives administrative actions the force of law.

Under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, if an administration finds that US over-reliance on imports of a product threatens national security, measures can be put in place to limit or block the product to encourage greater domestic production.

George Becker, president of the United Steelworkers of America, said the danger cheap steel imports posed to the United States was illustrated by the fate of Erie Forge and Steel, in Erie, Pennsylvania.

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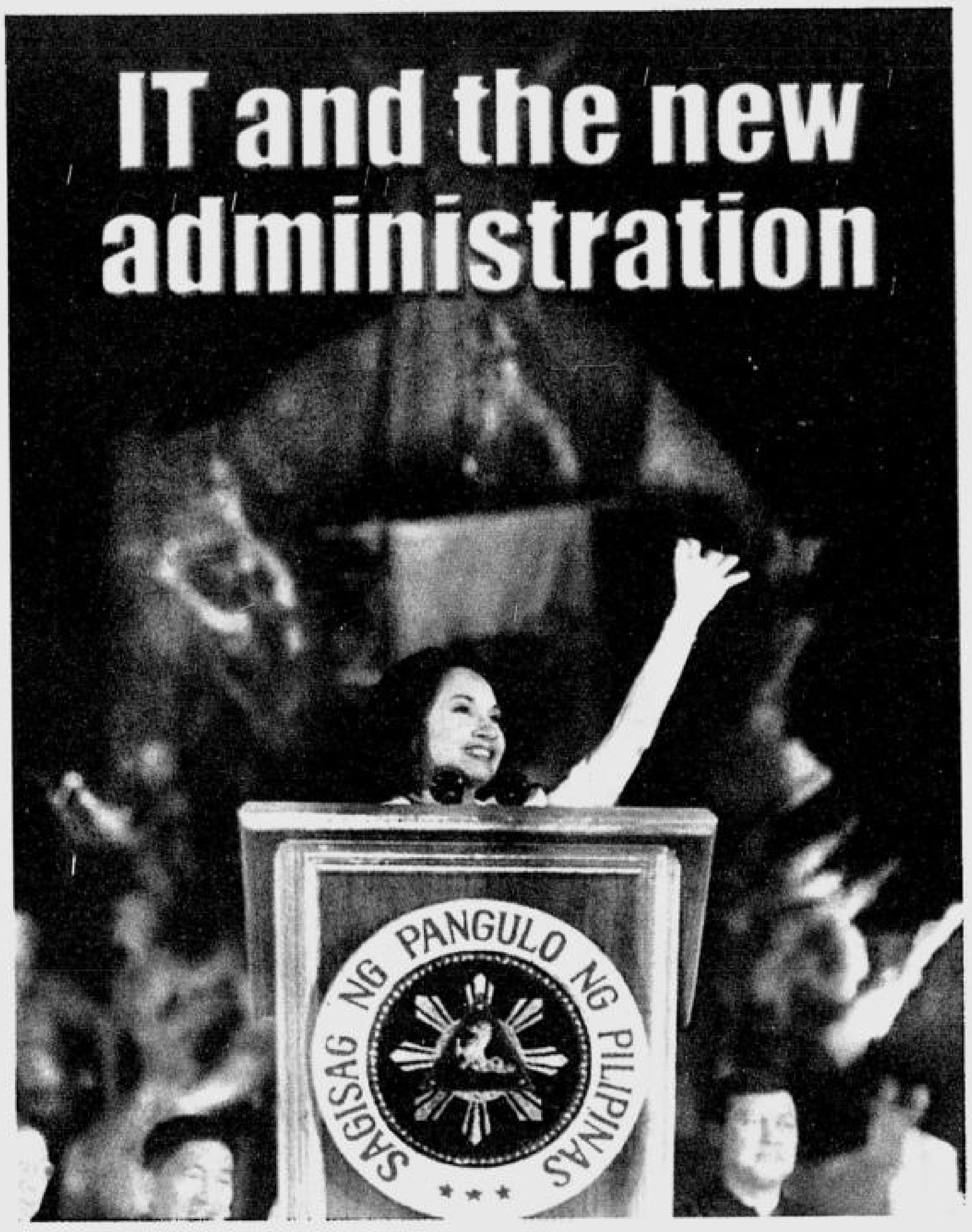
SAGISAG NG PANGULO NG PILIPINAS

Macapagal outlines IT, telecoms strategies

BY ERWIN LEMUEL G. OLIVA

PRESIDENT Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo on Thursday said that the information and communications technology (ICT) activities of her new administration will focus on building the physical infrastructure, enhancing the policy and legislative environment for ICT promotion and developing a pool of certified ICT professionals.

"I believe that ICT is really the key to finding our niche in the 21st century," Ms Macapagal said during her first press conference in Malacañang after the ouster of Joseph Estrada. "We already have a lot of competitive advantages in this area. We have English communication skills and software development skills. We should enhance these skills and refine them to have a bigger niche."

In order to do this, the President said, three areas of concern should be addressed.

The first area of concern is physical infrastructure. Macapagal stressed that a good physical infrastructure for interconnecting telephones and computers to the Internet will contribute to lower cost of access to IT. She said she has asked newly appointed Transportation Secretary Pantaleon Alvarez to work on initiatives that would help develop the country's physical ICT infrastructure.

She also stressed the significance of improving the policy and legislative environment for ICT, the second area of concern which the President identified.

"While we already have an e-commerce law, we need more laws to address security issues and convergence," Ms Macapagal said.

She also pointed out that the Philippines should focus its human resource development activities on developing a certified pool of ICT professionals, the third area of concern in her three-point strategy for ICT. For this area, she said the Philippines needs to improve its basic education in science and math. This job she delegated to newly appointed Education Secretary Raul Roco.

Asked if she intends to appoint an information technology (IT) czar, Ms Macapagal said that IT is under the Department of Transportation and Communications, which is currently represented in the Cabinet. Thus, she feels that IT is already represented on a Cabinet level.

Earlier last week, Philippine Computer Society president Augusto Lagman said that then-Vice President Macapagal asked him to come out with an IT agenda for the first 100 days of her administration. Lagman submitted a two-page concept paper to her staff two weeks ago, prior to Joseph Estrada's ouster.

Lagman is among several IT leaders from the private sector who suspended participation in the meetings of the Information Technology and Communications Council (ITECC) since last year. Lagman and the other IT leaders in the ITECC had called for Estrada's ouster.

Estrada designated the ITECC as the government's highest IT policymaking body last year when he signed Executive Order 264 on July 13, 2000. The Department of Trade and Industry is the lead agency, with the trade secretary designated as chair and the science secretary and a private sector representative acting as co-chairs. Although Trade Secretary Manuel Roxas and Science Secretary Filemon Uriarte resigned from their respective posts during the height of the Estrada *"jueteng"* scandal, the two have since returned to their Cabinet-level appointments under the Macapagal administration.

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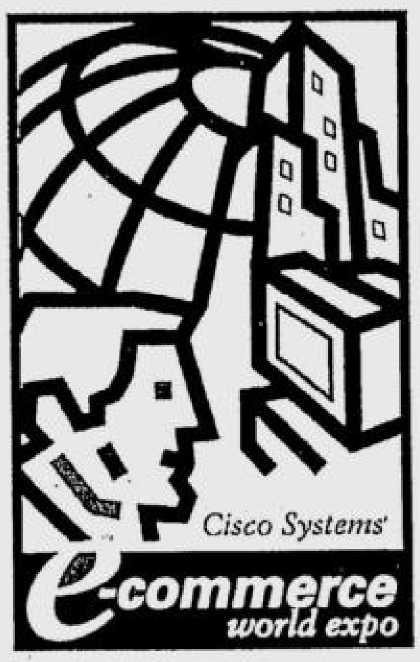

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IT, TELECOMS AND THE NEW ADMINISTRATION

RP computer society wants government to create dep't of IT, communications

BY ERWIN LEMUEL G. OLIVA

A LOCAL private sector-led computer organization has proposed the creation of an information technology (IT) superbody that would be temporarily known as the Department of Information and Communications Technology or DICT.

Documents obtained by the INQUIRER show that the Philippine Computer Society (PCS) gave President Macapagal a two-part "concept paper" suggesting the establishment of this new agency weeks before she was sworn in as President following the ouster of Joseph Estrada. PCS president Augusto Lagman said Ms Macapagal's staff asked for recommendations for her administration's IT agenda.

In the proposal, PCS suggested that the "Communications function of the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) should be weaned off from the existing department, while the Transportation function of the agency may be merged with the Department of Public Works and Highways."

Incidentally, Rep. Leandro Verceles Jr. of Catanduanes had proposed a bill in Congress that specifically provides the legal framework for the creation of this IT superbody. Verceles submitted his own IT agenda to Ms Macapagal weeks before the impeachment trial against former President Joseph Estrada began on Dec. 7. Moreover, Verceles had been pushing for the creation of a Cabinet-level office for IT since 1992.

In her first Malacañang press briefing on Thursday, Ms Macapagal indicated that IT activities and initiatives are under the DOTC, which is currently represented in the Cabinet.

Also contained in the computer organization's proposal are recommendations on developing quality education and an integrated and affordable telecommunications infrastructure in the Philippines.

Reiterating the ICT strategy outlined in the National Information Technology Plan for the 21st century (IT21) created during the Ramos administration, the PCS indicated the need to "strengthen and broaden" existing programs in government.

These programs include the Rescue Initiatives in Science Education under the Department of Education, Culture and Sports, the Virtual Center for Technology Innovation in IT by the Department of Science and Technology and the academe-industry linkage program by the Commission on Higher Education, among others.

The academe-industry linkage program, the PCS suggested, could be further boosted with the involvement of one of the three government-owned TV stations.

"At least one may be used for the furtherance of distance education," the PCS stated.

Echoing Ms Macapagal's suggestion on Thursday, the PCS urged government to focus on English, mathematics and science education at the primary and secondary levels. The organization added that the Internet could be used as a research tool and a medium for delivering information to more Filipino students. The PCS also proposed that the education department should be decentralized to the provincial level "to speed up delivery of education services."

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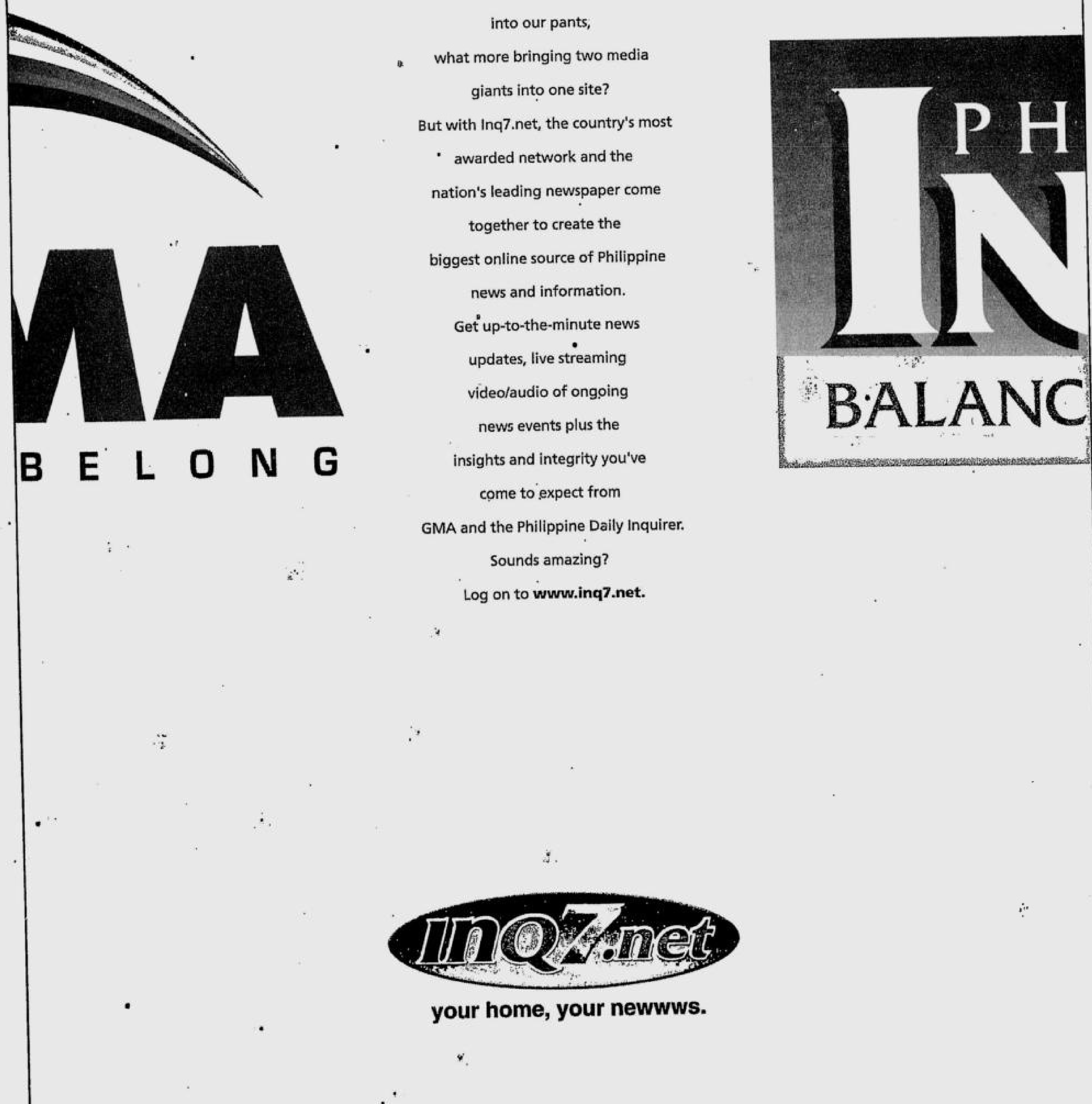

Who should be in charge of IT in RP?

BY ERWIN LEMUEL G. OLIVA

WHILE some politicians are in a feeding frenzy over Cabinet seats, a silent debate on who should be in charge of the country's information and communications technology activities and policymaking is brewing.

The Information Technology and E-Commerce Council (ITECC) is currently the executive body mandated to report directly to the President. Former President Joseph Estrada signed Executive Order 264 on July 13 last year, merging the National Information Technology Council led by the Department of Science and Technology and the E-Commerce Promotion Council established by the Department of Trade and Industry. The DTI was appointed as the lead agency of the council, with the trade secretary designated as chair and the science secretary and a private sector representative acting as co-chairs.

However, in a letter published in BusinessWorld last Jan. 19, a certain Benjamin B. Nicomedes pointed out that the "ITECC is never a policymaking body, much less the 'highest policymaking body.' It is neither the 'highest planning body.'"

He then stressed that the "National Computer Center is the country's IT policymaking body while the National Economic and Development Authority, the highest planning body for economic development. IT is merely a tool for national development and therefore falls under the general national development concerns of Neda."

Nicomedes identified himself as an "IT policy analyst" of the National Computer Center. He also claimed to have been participating regular meetings of the ITECC that "calls for NCC presence."

No debate

The INQUIRER called up NCC Director General Ramon Señeres on Friday to ask him about the letter. Señeres immediately replied that the matter has been "rectified."

"We don't want to be the highest policymaking body. We're just one of many agencies contributing to IT policies in government," Señeres said.

He went on to cite that the National Telecommunications Commission is the body mandated to set policies for telecommunications, while the DTI has been appointed as the agency in charge of implementing the E-Commerce Law in the Philippines.

"Information technology is a broad term. It encompasses almost all agencies in government," he said. The "NCC will be involved and it really doesn't matter where we are placed because we too have a clear mandate, which is (providing) universal access in the Philippines."

EO 222 signed by former President Estrada last year placed the NCC, which used to be under the Office of the President, under the DOST. This move was made "to ensure more effective administrative supervision and information and communications technology policy and program coordination."

According to Señeres, the NCC today wants to be a "capability building" agency, or a body that will be involved with the "practical translation of policies in IT."

"We will help agencies perform their roles in the ICT," he added. "It's clear what the NCC is expected to do. In fact, we have enough to do. We currently keep ourselves busy."

He also indicated that the NCC is ready to "realign its priorities along the priorities of the new government."

"Any changes; I will accept," Señeres said.

President Macapagal has yet to make a decision on whether to replace or retain the head of the government-run computer agency.

Incidentally, Ms Macapagal last week announced that she has called back Manual Roxas to head the trade department and Filemon Uriarte Jr. to lead the science department.

A different story

While the NCC claimed that debate on the ITECC as being the "highest policymaking body for IT-related matters" has been rectified, Assistant Secretary and ITECC Executive Director Toby Monsod admitted that the issue seems not willing to die.

"Although he has not explicitly brought up this matter during the ITECC meetings, he had issued policies through letters addressed to the trade secretary and other secretaries of government agencies. These things should go through the ITECC," Monsod told the INQUIRER on Friday. "The best way to resolve this matter is to get it out in the open," Monsod said, suggesting that this matter should be discussed during the ITECC meetings. The council is scheduled to meet on the first week of February.

"We can argue these legal matters. But it is a hollow argument. If the NCC wishes to pursue this in court, it will be a hollow victory. They might win on technical grounds but might risk losing support of various IT leaders from both government and the private sector," Monsod continued.

She, however, clarified that this matter has not been elevated to the courts.

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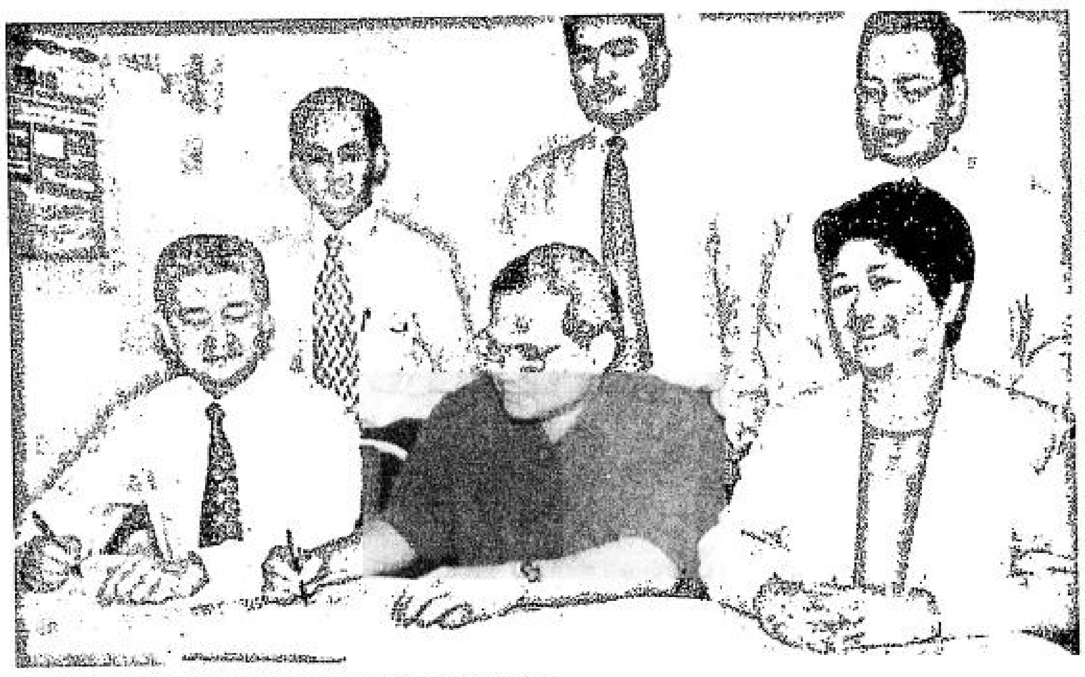
As the only news site from the Philippines in the Top 20, INQ7.net joins the ranks of global players such as the New York Times (No. 1) and USA Today (No. 2).

The big leap happened after People Power 2, when INQ7.net offered live, streaming video and audio from GMA 7's TV and radio coverage, complemented by real-time, text-based updates which visitors can read from the site. The updates were done continually, and visitors were able to read a blow-by-blow account of what was happening on Edsa everytime they refresh their browsers. The result: An unprecedented one million page views for INQ7.net in a span of only eight hours. The succeeding days saw the site enjoying more than a million page views per day, even reaching two million at the height of People Power 2.

Since October last year, INQ7.net began offering special websites on issues surrounding the presidency, namely the *jueteng* scandal that led to the impeachment trial and eventual ouster of Joseph Estrada. The website then began an innovative system of delivering news real-time via its Running Account of the impeachment trial and blow-by-blow updates on People Power 2 via What's Happening. It also showcased multimedia news from GMA-7, tapping the company's television and radio networks then webcasting it live.

Since it went online on Oct. 1, 1997, Inquirer.net—now INQ7.net—has become the most visited online newspaper in the Philippines. Based on the site demographics, a significant number of the INQ7.net's visitors are located outside the Philippines, particularly US-based Filipinos.

Meanwhile, an independent study by Australia-based www.consult Pty Ltd has also cited the Inquirer Interactive as the most visited website from the Philippines. According to the study titled "Philippine Internet User Report 2000," most Internet users in the Philippines go to www.yahoo.com, followed by www.inquirer.net, beating all local search engines and all local websites.



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Mayor Romeo Caylo Jr. (seated, middle) of Laguindingan Misamis Oriental signs an agreement with Alberto Morales (seated, left), president of Geodata Systems Technologies Inc. for the computerization of Laguindingan's municipality using the state-of-the-art GIS (geographic information system). With them are Francisca Dayrit (seated, right) and (standing, from left) engineer Jake Concepcion, Geodata sales representative Owen Lagunday and marketing manager for LGU Systems BJ Hicban.

Meralco, Spanish firm JV bags gov't projects

By Joey G. Alarilla

A JOINT-VENTURE firm of the Lopez-owned Manila Electric Co. and Spanish firm Soluziona Internacional has won the bidding for the Department of Public Works and Highways' (DPWH) eight-year database management project.

The contract, however, was signed on Jan. 8, prior to the ouster of Joseph Estrada and the installation of the new Macapagal administration.

According to Iberpacific Soluziona vice president for Corporate Affairs Mirko Moeller, the firm is supposed to start implementing the project immediately. He said the information technology (IT) consulting and software development firm is just waiting for the go-signal from the new administration and whoever would be the new public works secretary. Recently, Simeon A. Datumanong was appointed secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

While Moeller was unable to disclose the total cost for the DPWH project, he explained that the DPWH awarded the firm the contract to procure and maintain a database management system that would store the agency's paper-based information in digital form. Iberpacific won over other prospective bidders MCC and Unisys. Moeller said that the firm is working with database firm Sybase Technologies to implement the three-tier client-server architecture that would support the DPWH's enterprise servers. Target date for implementation of the system is 2003, after which they will begin the five-year maintenance contract that would end in 2008.

The database system is supposed to complement the government agency's Road Information and Management Support System project.

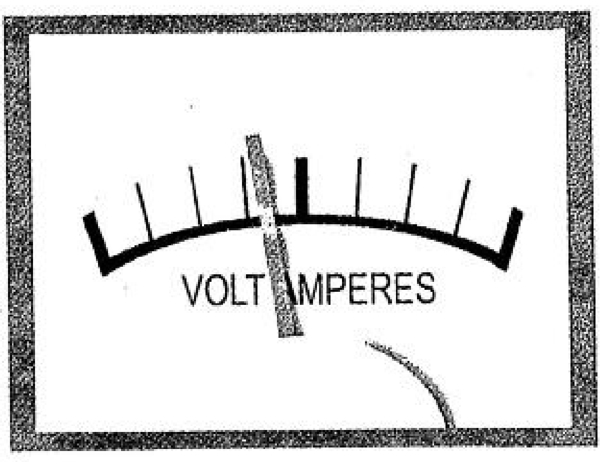
Moeller expressed bullishness that the new Macapagal administration would be more supportive of the IT sector.

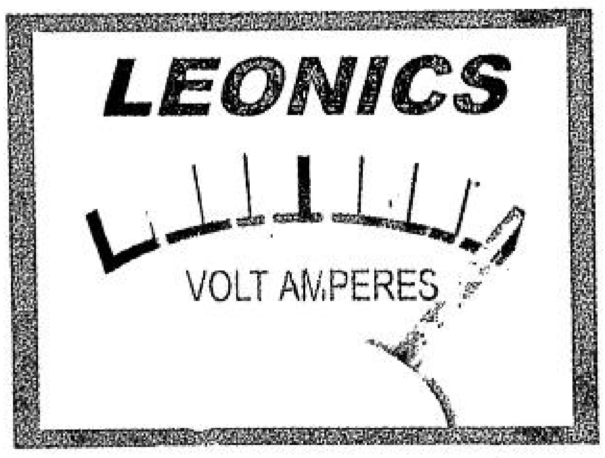
"I believe there should be a good tax policy for types of technology. IT companies need more tax incentives," Moeller said when asked what kind of support the private sector would want.

While acknowledging that the Board of Investments has a number of incentives in place for IT firms, Moeller said that more incentives and better implementation of existing ones are needed.

"There are a lot of limitations to access to these incentives. We need more facilities for foreign-owned IT firms to access these incentives," he explained.

Meanwhile, Iberpacific's mother firm Soluziona Internacional has also won the contract for the IT modernization project of the Subic Bay Freeport and Olongapo City. The contract, interestingly enough, was also signed on Jan. 8 with the Department of Interior and Local Government then headed by Alfredo Lim.





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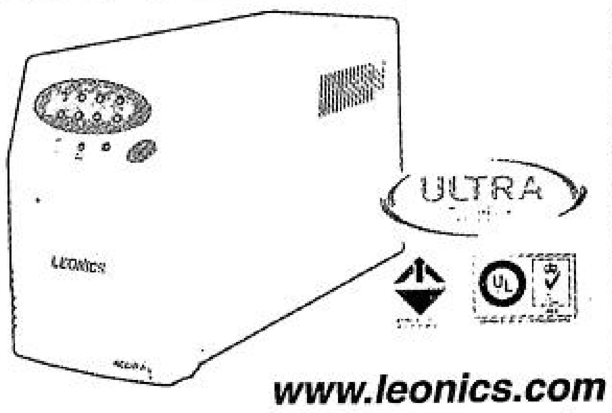

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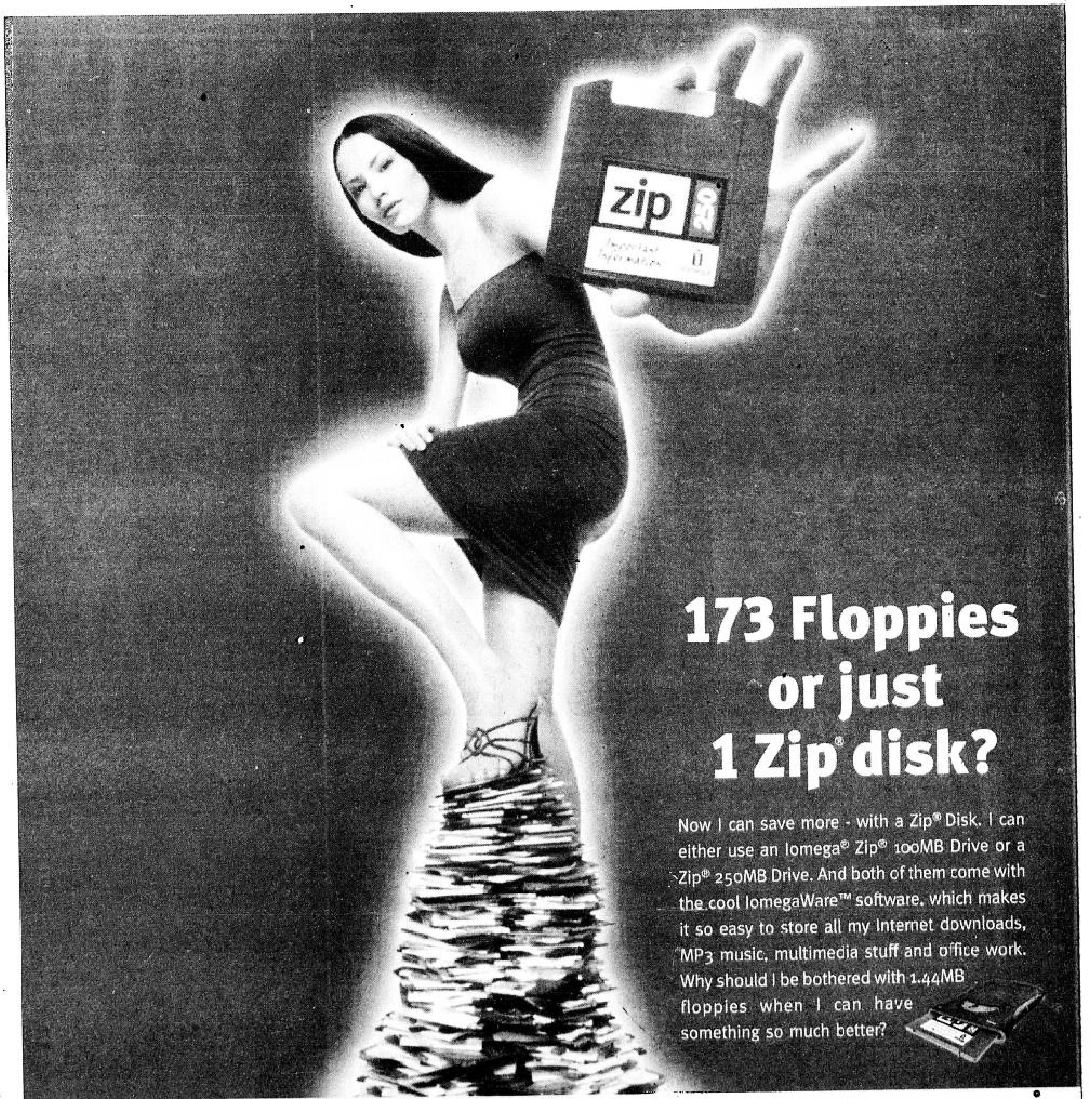

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who joined his Creator on January 25, 2001
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His remains lie in state at the Santuario de San Jose
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Psalm 23:6

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Now peacefully rests in the infinite Grace and Goodness of the Lord on the 28th of January 2001 at the age of 76.

His loving wife **Luna**; sons **Elmer** and **Eric**; brothers, sisters, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Chapel A-4, La Funeraria Paz, G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be announced later.

Emma Rivera San Luis

Peacefully joined our Lord on January 27, 2001 at the age of 66.

Her loving husband **RENÉ**; children **MICHAEL** and **MALY**, and **JO-ANN**; grandchildren **MICHELLE**, **MONICA** and **MATTHEW**; brothers and sisters **ALICIA** and **DEE** (†), **SONNY**, **ROSITA** and **IGGY**, **SUSAN** (†) and **EDDIE**, **RUBY** and **MARCING** (†), **DITAS** and **CECIL**, **ROBERT** (†), **ALBERT** and **ELLEN**, and **CLARENCE** and **JOHTA**; brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends mourn her passing and wish for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at Chapel 4, St. Alphonsus de Ligouri Parish Center, Magallanes, Makati City.

Interment will be on Friday, February 2, 2001 at the Manila Memorial Park, Sucat, Parañaque City after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Magallanes Church.

ALEXANDER C. BONNEVIE

Peacefully went to be with our Lord on 27 January 2001 at the age of 74.

His wife **Alma**; children **Ico**, **Alex, Jr.** and **Joy**, **Bay** and **Amy**, **Richard** and **Jo**, and grandchildren wish to inform relatives and friends that his body lies in state at Chapel F, Funeraria Paz, G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Necrological services at Chapel F will start at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 31 January 2001.

Cremation shall follow thereafter.

"Eternal life will swallow up that which can die. God made us for this very reason and He has given us the Spirit as a guarantee that we will live again."
2 Cor. 5:4-5

"Whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life."
John 3:16

Goodbye Mama, God has you in His keeping, but you will forever be in our hearts.

ROSA TORRES TAN

Passed away in the Grace of our Lord on January 28, 2001 at the age of 77.

Her bereaved children **CONNIE** and **VICENTE**, **ZENY** and **JAIME**, **JIMMY** and **MALOU**, **BETTY** and **VALENTIN**, **TESSIE**, and **ROSIE** and **BOBBY** (†); grandchildren **LLOYD LOUIS**, **ANTHONY**, **JEANNIE**, **JOJO**, **SHARLENE**, **JEREMY** (†), **ROSE MAE** and **JERRY**, **YANI**, **MICHELLE** and **GILBERT**, **ABIGAIL**, **HUBERT**, **VINCENT**, **JENNIFER**, **ROSE MARIE**, **RYAN** and **ROY**; great grandchildren **JUJU** and **GREGGY**; other relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at Arlington Memorial Chapels, #12 G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Saturday, February 3, 2001, 11:00 a.m. at Eternal Memorial Garden, Baesa, Caloocan City.

BENJAMIN "Benjie" LEDESMA CALALANG, JR.

Peacefully joined his Creator on Saturday, January 27, 2001 at the age of 39.

His loving parents **Ben** (†) and **Tita**; brother and sisters **Benilda**, **Maben** and **Raffy**, **Reuben**, and **Tessa**; niece **Andie**; nephew **Santino**; relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the St. Alphonsus Mary de Liguori Chapel, Magallanes Village, Makati City.

Interment will be on Tuesday, January 30, 2001 at the Manila Memorial Park in Parañaque, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Our Dearly Beloved

Josefina Villanueva Garcia Vda. de Veloso

Peacefully joined our Lord on January 25, 2001 at the age of 78.

Her children **JOSEMARI**, **RAMONCITO**, **CARMENCITA** and **VICENTE** and daughter-in-laws **JENJIE DE ASIS**, **ROSARIO EBARVIA** and **TERESITA JABINES** together with her grandchildren request the pious readers to pray for her eternal repose of her soul.

Her body lies in state at their Baybay Leyte residence. She will be laid to rest on Tuesday, January 30, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. at Baybay Catholic Cemetery.

TEODORA "Doring" ESTEVES BACOMO

of Milbuk, Palimbang, Sultan Kudarat

Died in the Grace of our Lord on January 20, 2001 at the age of 81 in Vancouver, Washington, U.S.A.

She is survived by her husband **Crisologo**; children **Arthur** and **Judy**, **Efren** and **Marife**, **Lilia** and **Lando**, **Pepito**, **Melba** and **Rene**, **Beth** and **Tony**, **Richard** and **Joe**, and sister, **Nena Monteverde**; nephews, nieces, grandchildren **Andrew**, **Karen**, **Glenn**, **Kenneth**, **Geoffrey** and **E.J.**, **Ron-ron**, **Daisy Mae**, **Cherry Anne** and **Jayford**, **Mark** and **Dexter**, **Carla**, **Barbie** and **Dondon**, and **Ianne**.

Her remains will be brought home to the **Philippines** and will lie in state at **Capitol Memorial Chapels** in G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City from **January 29 to February 2, 2001**.

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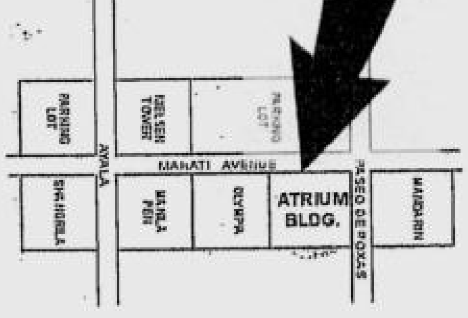

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People, Events & Products

REZ GOPEZ-SINDAC, Editor

McDonald's introduces Chicken McCrispy

New fried chicken is crispier, juicier, tastier and cooked just right

MCDONALD'S Philippines kicks off its 20th anniversary celebrations this year by introducing the new McDonald's Chicken McCrispy – described as "crispier, juicier, tastier and cooked just right."

The launch of the new fried chicken is the first among many surprises McDonald's has in store for the Filipino families. The launch of the new fried chicken is also in line with the company's global commitment to serve customers with the highest quality products.

"We are giving our customers what they like and want in a fried chicken product," said Joseph Lau, managing director of McDonald's Philippines. "We are delivering a high-quality, great tasting product that everyone will love."

"Our new Chicken McCrispy is cooked just right to lock in the juices as well as the taste and flavor, while making sure that the skin is irresistibly crisp," he added.

Lau promised that the new McDonald's Chicken McCrispy is "so irresistibly good that you won't be able to stop with just one piece." He also mentioned that McDonald's offering "not just one but two sauces for an extra special touch with our Chicken McCrispy."

McDonald's Chicken McCrispy is now available in McDonald's more than 230 restaurants throughout the Philippines.

All about Chicken McCrispy:

Q: Why is McDonald's introducing a new fried chicken?

A: We are introducing Chicken McCrispy as the first among McDonald's many surprises in celebration of our 20th anniversary. We improved on and developed a superior product that meets the taste and preference of our customers.

Q: Are you introducing McCrispy in response to Jollibee's Chicken Joy?

A: Not at all. Our new product is in response to the taste preference of our customers, and it is part of our commitment to deliver only the best quality products to our valued customers.

Q: How did you develop Chicken McCrispy?

A: The formulation and cooking process is confidential but we can assure the public that we took the preference of our customers in mind as we developed the product, and we used the same high quality standards for all McDonald's products in the preparation of Chicken McCrispy.

Q: What do you mean when you say your new fried chicken is cooked just right?

A: We follow strict guidelines and the highest standards in preparing the product to ensure that we serve only the safest, best-tasting product to our customers. McCrispy is well-cooked – juicy and tender inside, and crispy golden brown outside.

Q: Does your McCrispy taste different from those in other countries?

A: In preparing Chicken McCrispy for the Philippines, McDonald's used international standards for product quality but customized its taste to suit the Filipinos.

On McDonald's 20th anniversary:

Q: When did McDonald's open its first store in the Philippines?

A: On September 27, 1981, McDonald's opened its first restaurant along Morayta in Manila.

Q: How many outlets does McDonald's now have in the country?

A: We have over 230 McDonald's restaurants in operation all over the Philippines.

Q: How did McDonald's envision its place in the domestic food business?

A: When McDonald's decided to open business in the Philippines, it brought to the country its vast experience being the world's number one quick service restaurant. With it, McDonald's introduced its standards of quality, service, cleanliness and value for which it is known globally.

Q: What is the most significant contribution of McDonald's in the local food business?

A: McDonald's has pioneered and introduced global standards and procedures for the local quick service restaurant (QSR) industry. We set the pace and brought the local QSR industry to a global level.

Q: How about McDonald's contributions to the economy.

A: McDonald's helped build the economy by employing thousands of Filipinos in our restaurant as well as contracting the services of local suppliers who provide for our needs. We also helped lift the dignity of labor among Filipinos through the employment of students, whom we provide quality training and an opportunity to earn their own money while in school.

Q: How about McDonald's investments in the Philippines?

A: McDonald's will pursue its plans for expansion and growth in the Philippines because we believe in the market and the people.

Chicken McCrispy

KICKING off its 20th anniversary celebration, McDonald's Philippines recently introduced its new Chicken McCrispy – the "crispier, juicier, tastier fried chicken that's cooked just right." It comes with a choice of two sauce – gravy and sweet chili – and is now available in McDonald's more than 230 restaurants nationwide. Joseph Lau, new managing director of McDonald's Philippines, said the launch of the new fried chicken is the first among many surprises McDonald's has in store for Filipino families as it marks its 20th year in the Philippine market. It is also in line with the company's global commitment to serve customers with the highest quality products. Photo shows Lau presenting Chicken McCrispy to the press as Ronald McDonald beams.

Shell 2001 calendar showcases RP's clean energy sources

SHELL companies in the Philippines celebrate initiatives towards the development of sustainable, commercially viable cleaner sources of energy in its year 2001 corporate calendar.

In the Jan.-Feb. page, Shell highlights human energy emanating from Shell service stations. As "an oasis for motorists," Shell service stations provide customers with superior service at the forefront as well as cleaner fuels.

The March-April page features the SunStation pilot project of Shell Renewables Corporation to provide renewable energy to light for homes in the small town of Alaminos, Aklan.

In the May-June page, Shell companies in the Philippines through Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc. seek to develop the energy of the youth by further equipping them with skills in agriculture and industry, entrepreneurship, arts and sport.

The July-Aug. page showcases Shell gasoline brands. Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation is the first fuels company offering consumers with three types of high-performance and lead-free gasolines: Velocity, Formula Shell Super Premium and Super Unleaded.

The Sept.-Oct. page celebrates the Shell Philippines Exploration B.V.'s Malampaya deepwater gas to power project that is scheduled to deliver natural gas within the year. Natural gas mined from the offshore of Palawan is a clean source of indigenous energy.

The Nov.-Dec. page conveys the clean cooking power of Shellane, Shell's liquified petroleum gas (LPG) brand in the Philippines.

The Shell 2001 corporate calendar is photographed by multi-awarded photographer Emil Davocol, and designed and produced by Creative Response, a full service advertising and events management company.

'BARYA MO, BUHAY KO' PROJECT

Cellular leader Smart Communications formalized its support to the ABS-CBN Foundation's "Barya mo, Buhay ko" project as part of its community service program. Smart committed to place "Barya mo, Buhay ko" authorized coin banks in all of its 120 telecenters nationwide. At the ceremonial turnover are (from left) Cynthia Gonzales, ABS-CBN Foundation external affairs officer and Irene Serrano, Smart Communications Inc. regional manager.

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GLOBE TELECOM, EASTWOOD CITY CYBERPARK SIGN ACCORD

Globe Telecom, a joint venture between Ayala Corporation and Singapore Telecom International (STI), has entered into a five-year renewable contract with Megaworld Corporation, developer of Eastwood City Cyberpark, for the provision of broadband services to business locators in the area at the lowest possible cost. Principal signatories to the agreement are Joaquin Teng, Globe VP for fixed network (second from left) and Megaworld SVP Kingson Sian (second from right). Flanking them are Globe AVP for business communication Jesus Romero and Megaworld VP Jericho Go.

Technical Alliance Program redefines customer service

THREE months after its launch, the Technical Alliance Program (TAP) continuously maintains its thrust of nationwide customer support.

A coalition of 14 leading IT service providers, TAP has a network of highly knowledgeable and technically competent IT professionals throughout the country. TAP provides quality and reliable IT solutions and technical support center for corporations.

"Clients can all a TAP member-company in their area. They don't need to request help from their main office or even risk having their equipment repaired by unauthorized technicians," said Marzo Monserrate, vice president of Accent Micro Technologies, Inc. (AMTI).

AMTI acts as TAP's call center. A parts exchange has also been put up in Davao City.

Allyxon Cua, executive vice president of the Accent Micro Group of Companies, said that 70 percent of the country is already covered by TAP. "We're hoping to have 100 percent coverage early this year," he said.

TAP comprises Accent Micro Technologies Inc., Alejandra Enterprises, Bitstop Computers, ByteMarks DTP & Computer Sales, Computron, Datalink Technologies Inc., Digital Interface, Exponent Enterprises, InfoMate Computer Systems, Intelisoft Microcomputer Systems, Northpoint Computer Technology Center, Ruchele Computer Technology, Quicklink Computers and S-Gate Enterprises.

For more information on TAP, call AMTI at 636-3563 local 190 and 133.

SUPERMOMS AT BABY & CO. OPENING

Super models-turned-super moms Patty Bettita with son Emilio, Sara Jane Paez-Santiago with son Max, and Apples Aberin-Sadhwani with son Martin grace the opening of Baby & Co. at the Power Plant recently. Baby & Co. is a one-stop baby shop offering a wide range of infant furniture, toys, baby bottles, toiletries, accessories and more. Shopping at Baby & Co. is pure bliss with its delightful interiors, well-organized layout and efficient staff.

BAI RETAIL DELIVERY 2000

The Unionbank delegation to the recent Bank Administration Institute's (BAI) Retail Delivery 2000 convention held at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, Louisiana took time out from the hectic conference schedule to visit the only Filipino exhibitor, Infoserve International. Joyce Gonzales (second from right) and Danilo Macalinao (extreme right), both Unionbank vice presidents were two of the four registered Filipino convention delegates to the industry's largest retail banking conference and the premier source of information on retail financial services strategy and technology. Also in photo are (from left) Infoserve chair and CEO Zoilo dela Cruz III and senior vice president Cicelle M. Cruz.

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Canon launches Hi-series calculators

CANON Marketing Philippines Inc. (CMPI) will launch the Hi-series calculators on Jan. 30 at the Barbecue Grills, Pasay Road, Makati City. The key features of the Hi-series calculators include IT Touch keyboard, large display for better viewing, dual power capability (both solar and battery), portable compact size for LS-88Hi, convenient independent functions key for tax calculations in TX-1210Hi, and key roll over function for fast and accurate entry for WS-1210Hi model. According to Cheche Lacanilao, CMPI manager for calculators, the new set of calculators is a combination of user-friendly technology and affordability.

BITS & Clips

Diplomatic, consular directory off the press

THIS YEAR'S 28-page Diplomatic and Consular Directory is now off the press in the latest issue of The Diplomatic Post (TDP). The comprehensive directory includes the embassies and consulates of 120 countries and international organizations in Metro Manila, Baguio, Cebu and Davao; ambassadors' photos; DFA officials; precedence of the heads of diplomatic missions; and diplomatic immunities and privileges. For more information call publisher-editor D.Y. Capras, 833-2818 or 514-1163. TDP is located at 792 F. Cruz St., Malibay, Pasay City.

Cool, smooth and light

PHILIP Morris 100's has just set another milestone by launching new Philip Morris Lights – the first major light cigarette in the menthol 100's category. With its refreshingly new advertising campaign, PM Lights promises to give adult smokers "the cool, smooth flavor of the premium menthol in a light cigarette." This new Philip Morris variant provides the perfect complement to the classic Philip Morris Full Flavor variant. With its introduction, Philip Morris Philippines is once again, set to raise the standards of menthol cigarettes. PM Lights comes from Philip Morris Philippines, the local subsidiary of Philip Morris Companies, Inc., the world's largest producer and marketer of consumer packaged goods.

'JOEY'S WINTER WONDERLAND' WINNERS

Joey@92.3FM recently gave away free trips for two to the US and Switzerland in its "Joey's Winter Wonderland" promotion. Shown are Darex Guanzon, US trip winner (third from left) and Switzerland trip winner Joanne Sevilla Cruz (fourth from left) with KLM's Candy Ochoa, NBC VP for FM Division Bi-Anne Tupas, and KLM's Joey Laurente and Michael Go.

CBA SIGNING

The Philippine Savings' Bank (PSBank) senior management team and the PSBank employees' union recently signed its Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) in simple rites held at the JV Del Rosario Room of the Asian Institute of Management Conference Center. Signing the agreement are (from left) PSBEU VP Larry Fajardo, PSBEU president Jesus Exequiel Nidea, National Union of Bank Employees (NUBE) president Jose P. Umali Jr., PSBank president Arthur Ty, PSBank VP for human resources Edgardo Mendoza Jr., and PSBank SVP for branch banking Maximo Estrada.

ADB cuts RP loan allocation by $100M

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE ASIAN Development Bank, one of the country's biggest multilateral donors, has slashed its annual loan allocation for the Philippines by about $100 million due to the slow disbursement of existing program and project loans.

"Because of the absorptive capacity issue, we have reduced our allocation for the Philippines to a range of $300 to $400 million from the previous range of $400 to $500 million," ADB country director for the Philippines Gunther Hecker said.

Hecker also stressed that the bank would focus on project loans that directly impact on the poor instead of loans tied to policy programs whose disbursements were often delayed due to non-compliance with some conditions.

He, however, said that the disbursement of official development assistance (ODA) to the country, which was a major concern in the past few years, had improved significantly due to joint efforts of the donors and the government.

Earlier, the ADB and the World Bank had expressed concern over the slow disbursement of ODA loans despite the urgent need for funds to pump-prime the economy.

Hecker said that in the past, it took as long as nine months before a new loan could be made available due to delays in the implementation process. He noted that the processing and release of the last three ODA loans, however, took only 90 days to complete.

"There are some improvements but we are not yet satisfied. However, the government and all the donors have realized that this was a real issue and we are all now working on it," he said.

He also said the ADB would not release new program loans to the Philippines for the time being as existing program loans have yet to be fully utilized by the government.

"We'd like to see compliance with the program before we release new ones. Program loans always seem to be easy money for the government in filling budget deficits," he said.

At present, the ADB has three program loans with the Philippines, namely, the power sector reform, the clean air and the grain sector reform programs.

"But at this point in time, we have not much progress with our second-tranche releases. It is difficult for us to give new program loans if existing program loans were delayed," he said.

Since program loans are tied to certain criteria such as specific policy reforms, disbursements are delayed when the government is not able to put the reforms in place at an agreed time. In the case of the $300-million power sector reform program, for instance, disbursements were slowed down by the delay in the passage of the power sector restructuring bill in Congress.

But Hecker reiterated that the ADB was supportive of the new administration and had pledged to help with its poverty alleviation efforts.

In the case of the Mindanao issue, for instance, he said the bank had a number of projects being worked out to address development concerns in the region. These include: the Mindanao Basic education ($50 million); the Mindanao basic services sector ($45 million), and the Mindanao community forest resources management ($40 million).

Gokongwei's airline seen to become RP's 2nd official carrier

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE ECONOMIC Mobilization Group is pushing for the immediate designation of Cebu Air Inc.— the airline concern of taipan John Gokongwei—as the country's second official carrier to break Philippine Airlines Inc.'s decades-long monopoly of international routes.

Based on documents obtained from the EMG, the joint private-public sector body noted that the country was utilizing only 30 percent of its 5.7 million seat entitlements to other countries with PAL's capacity utilization ranging from 46 percent for Singapore to 92 percent for South Korea.

It noted that Cebu Air has expressed interest in flying international routes and it was in the best position among local carriers to expand overseas.

Cebu Air is the biggest threat to PAL's dominance in the country. The Cebu-based airline cornered 30 percent of the business by offering lower fares and better service. Gokongwei is spending P19 billion for Cebu Air's refleeting program to acquire 14 new aircraft to replace its current line of 12 DC-9's which would be used purely for cargo operations.

The EMG proposed that the government push for a multiple designation of official carriers for cargo and passenger in existing air service agreements.

The EMG noted that the Panlilio family's Grand Air, which was allowed to fly abroad in the mid-1990s, never operated the international routes it obtained from the government and it made its last flight more than two years ago. It ordered a recall of Grand Air's designation as official carrier for Hong Kong, Taiwan and Korea.

The EMG proposed that the Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) draw up the implementing rules and regulations of Executive Order No. 219 which updates the country's restrictive air policy set under Republic Act 776 issued in 1954. EO 219 is a directive by former President Ramos for the CAB to pursue an open skies policy. However, its implementation has been delayed for years due to strong resistance against an open-sky policy.

Smart selling stake in Eastern Telecom

By Anthony O. Alcantara

SMART Communications Inc. will sell its 9.8-percent stake in Eastern Telecommunications Philippines Inc. to PRN Philippines Inc., the local partner of Australian Gigahertz Network Pty. Ltd.

An industry source said AGN, which already owns 40 percent of ETPI, wanted to have the majority hold of the company by controlling at least 60 percent of ETPI.

However, it is constrained to further increase its direct stake in the company by a constitutional limitation on foreign ownership of public utility companies. This prompted the company to tap a local partner to purchase additional shares in ETPI.

Together with the 17.7-percent stake of Aerocom Investors and Managers Inc. that would be eventually sold to PRN, AGN would have control of a 67.5-percent stake in ETPI.

Smart hoped to sell out of ETPI within the first quarter of 2001.

ETPI last week elected a new chair in line with the change in the company's ownership. In an internal memo last week, Emiliano P. Jurado has relinquished his position as ETPI chair to AGN's Dr. Richard Freyer effective Jan. 25, 2001.

Jurado said the acquisition of a 40-percent stake in ETPI by AGN last year and the Nieto group's offer to sell another 17.7-percent stake to the local partner of AGN would give the Australian firm the majority control of the company.

However, Jurado will remain in the five-man ETPI board. Aside from Jurado and Freyer, the other members of the board are Rob Murdoch of AGN, Salvador C. Hizon, who is also president of ETPI, and Pablo Lobregat, president of Aerocom.

Upon the finalization of the transfer of the remaining 17.7-percent stake of Aerocom to PRN Philippines Inc., Lobregat will have to give up his membership in the board.

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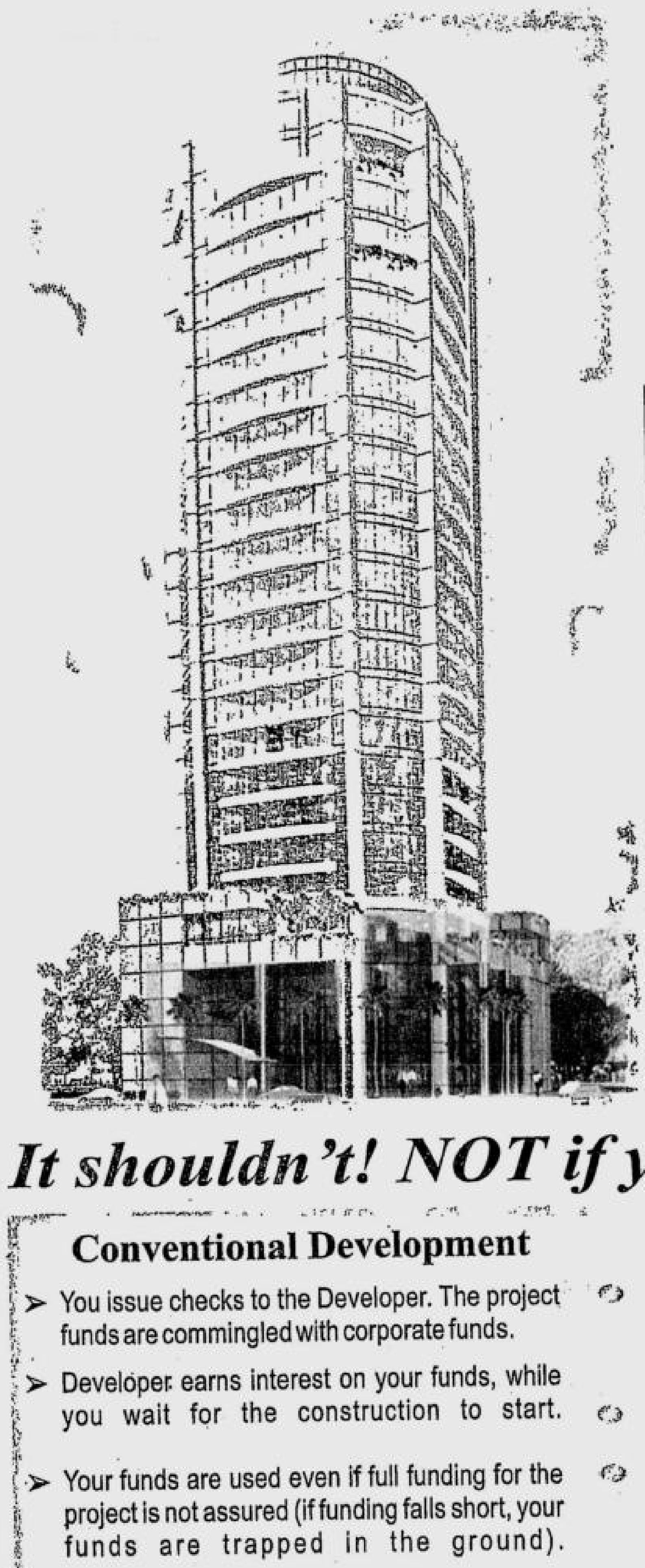

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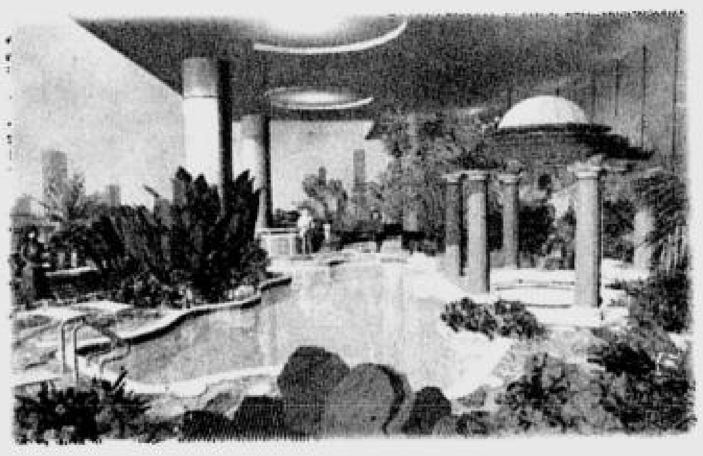

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From domination to inspiration

IT WAS a story swept aside by the march of history, sidelined by a surging people's power that crowded other news out of the day's front pages and eventually sent a politically challenged President packing.

With the Edsa II euphoria now slowly on the ebb and as people roll up their sleeves for the more difficult task of rebuilding, it is time to go back to the open-ends and unfinished business. Especially one that obviously connects to the events that drove Edsa II.

Nobody in the case of C2K2 would admit it as the organizers were extra careful in putting together a non-political agenda, but events subsequent to the Philippine Forum II at Clark on Jan. 11-13, 2001 made C2K2 uncannily look like a dry run of what was to come in just about a week.

C2K2 convenor Mar Roxas II described this gathering of about 130 of the brightest and the youngest in business, the arts, government, civil society, media and entertainment as the successor generation's search for the Filipino soul, amidst a political crisis which at that time was beginning to peak.

Doris Magsaysay-Ho, another convenor, described it simply as the coming together of people who otherwise would not have met. And a sampling of these personalities include the Aboitizes, Ayalas, Yuchengcos, in business; noted filmmakers Joey Reyes, Bart Guingona and Marilou Diaz-Abaya; Guillen; scions of taipans like the Tans, Gokongweis; media giants like the Lopezes and Jimenezes; civil society and government. The list goes on and on.

After two and a half days of plenary and group sessions, the participants, half of them alumni of C2K2 or the first Philippine Forum in January 2000, the rest first-timers, came to a definition of each sector's role in circumscribing national leadership along clear lines of honesty, integrity and transparency.

The participants were also given a simulation game similar to Sim City designed by Palafox Urban Planners. Assisted by the staff of STI Angels who manned the computers, the participants were given a chance to make decisions for their respective "cities." One group ended with the whole city burned down after year 1, having forgotten to invest in fire stations. Chito Salazar, COO of STI and conference facilitator said other groups merged their "cities" for over five years. "We just ran out of time but an epidemic is bound to explode because we did not realize we forgot to invest in health programs until our sixth year," another participant added.

In sessions designed to draw sectoral concerns in context with national priorities, discussion groups had a foretaste of the budget process.

In the exercise, film director Reyes, coming to grips with the demands of governance, bemoaned, "*Ang hirap pala sa gobyerno.*"

Guingona, on the other hand, said the exercise brought them down to the core of the matter as a consensus on what was truly important was arrived at.

The defining characteristic of our budget process was the absence of any horse trading, Roxas said. But Rep. Nereus Acosta, (1st district Bukidnon) who was in the session was quick to point out the realities in actual practice.

Perhaps a reflection of the leadership issues dominating national debates at the time of C2K2. Acosta emphasized the need for a paradigm shift in leadership from one of domination to inspiration, to bring out social values from the people.

He said there must be a reformatting and reconfiguring of our culture, not just the leadership as he urged participants of the forum to create the catharsis of such changes.

At the closing ceremonies, however, the challenge of leadership was thrown back at the forum.

"It is a bout time we get down to work, strive for a transformation of our society and focus sharply on one objective: the reduction of poverty!" summed up Washington Sycip, founder of Sycip, Gorres, Velayo (SGV) Corp. and principal speaker at the forum's closing ceremony. Sycip also chided the upper class for their indifference and neglect on the plight of the poor, as they continue to wallow in their wealth.

"While I have often been discouraged during the past 55 years of participating in the Philippine economy, one hopes th·· the recent developments will fin..ly convince our upper income groups that the demonstrations (referring to anti-Erap street protests) are just the beginning of a process that should reduce their own privileges, increase their tax consciousness and upgrade their ethical standards," Sycip added.

He lamented the fact that while office workers are paying their just taxes, owners, managers and officials of businesses often find ways to cheat on their tax dues as he cited the disbelief of a Filipino doctor based in Philadelphia, who was here during the holidays upon learning that a former classmate pays a measly sum on tax despite living in luxury.

The Philippine Forum is held regularly and addresses varied issues confronting the successor generation within a transforming global environment, Roxas noted.

C2K2 is organized by the Philippine Forum Foundation, Asia Society Philippines and AIM Ramon V. del Rosario Center.

Among this year's convenors, in addition to Magsaysay-Ho and Roxas, are Jose Campos Jr., senior vice president of United Laboratories Inc.; Antonio Cojuangco, board member of PLDT; Jose Maria Concepcion III, president of RFM Corp.; Rep. Jackie Ponce Enrile Jr., Lance Gokongwei, executive vice president of JG Summing Holdings Inc.; Luis Lorenzo Jr., chair and CEO of Lapanday Holdings Corp.; Aurelio Montinola III, president of BPI Family Bank; Alfonso Yuchengco III, vice chair of Rizal Commercial Banking Corp.; and Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala, president and CEO of Ayala Corp.

'MAMA E' Tan: Credit goes to sales agents, staff. JOAN BONDOC

MANAGER BY EXCEPTION

Applying what works, instead of the theories

BY TINA ARCEO-DUMLAO

THE PHILIPPINE operations of Sun Life Financial of Canada achieved a banner year last year despite the political and economic upheavals that swept the nation. It recorded growths in premiums sold way above the industry average. Net income was also high.

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A big part of this achievement can be attributed to the drive and the vision of Sun Life of Canada (Philippines) Inc. president Esther C. Tan.

Tan or "Mama E" as she is fondly called in the office, however, prefers to place the credit for achieving record growths to the collective effort of the sales agents and the office staff. She says the 1,500 agents and the 500 or so staff in the head office worked together to achieve and surpass the year's goals.

"I am overwhelmed with awe with them. When we set out our goals for the year they really worked hard to achieve it and they did," Tan says.

But as hard as the agents and the staff worked, Tan worked even harder. She also made sure that the staff did work together and achieve their sales targets by simply working more and injecting a lot of passion in her work. She says her attitude must have rubbed off on her people, inspiring them to work hard.

"One of my colleagues says that I am tough and demanding and will push people to go beyond themselves, but then he says I push myself hardest of all. He says I am passionate about work and my passion for excellence transcends everything I do," she says.

Her passion for excellence made Tan stay head and shoulders above everyone else in almost everything she did, from the time she joined Sun Life as a sales agent some 20 years ago.

Tan, who considers herself a very driven person, rose from the ranks and was always at the top. She was top field associate, then top branch manager and was eventually asked to take on an executive position, first as director of sales, then general manager, then finally president of Philippine operations.

Tan says her skill in dealing with people—honed from years of practice in the field—played a big part in landing her the top position in the Canada-based financial services company. Her ability to deal with specific situations and solve prob-

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Can there be justice in the Philippine legal system?

MAPPING THE FUTURE

Manuel A. Alcuaz Jr.

AFTER endless hours of watching the impeachment trial, I have come to the sad conclusion that, under the present rules of court, it is very hard to have a speedy and fair trial.

The objective of a trial is presumably to bring out the truth. When a witness is sworn in, he or she promises to say, "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth." Yet as one watches the courtroom maneuvers of Estrada's expensive defense panel, a definite pattern to keep the truth from coming out is apparent from the unending objections to questions asked by the prosecutors.

Fortunately, the prosecution panel has its own legal luminaries who can parry to the objections and, at times, the Chief Justice rules against the objections. The Chief Justice seems to be a very principled and hardworking Filipino who, unfortunately due to decades of immersion in the judicial and lawyering worlds, seems to be somewhat, enamored with the "Rules of Court."

I shudder to think about how unfair the judicial system would seem to a poor person, either defending himself or accusing a rich and/or powerful person. Every time his poorly paid lawyer would ask him a question to tell what he knows about the case, the rich man's highly paid counsel will object, "irrelevant and immaterial." Because his lawyer is inexperienced and not too smart, the poor man ultimately loses the case. Often he is sentenced and locked up in jail even if he is innocent. The rich man, even if guilty goes free, does not have to pay his debts.

I hope that the impeachment trial, even if it does not bring us immediate relief through the conviction of Joseph Ejercito Estrada should at the very least open up eyes to the critical need to reengineer the "Rules of Court."

When I say that the "Rules of Court" need to be reengineered, I do not say that they need improvement or minor adjustment, they need drastic overhaul. Reengineering is the fundamental rethinking and drastic redesign of processes in order to gain dramatic improvements in measures of performance such as customer satisfaction, time and cost, among others. When we look at the trial or impeachment process, the customers are the plaintiff, the alleged defendant, and the concerned citizens.

Since cases go to court because of disagreements on facts and guilt, one of the key objectives of a trial is to bring out the truth. The entire process should therefore be designed to bring out the truth. The truth is in the interest of concerned citizens (the society) and at least one of the parties.

In a case of honest disagreements both of the parties would be interested in bringing out the truth. However, in many cases, one of the parties may be intent on hiding the truth, as it seemed in the impeachment process.

A second objective of the reengineered trial process should be a speedier process because "justice delayed is said to be justice denied." The impeachment court speeds up the process by conducting daily marathon sessions. In most normal court proceedings, a case can be stretched for years through numerous postponements. This is an innovation that could be introduced in regular courts.

A third objective of the reengineered trial process should be reduced cost for all concerned. Speeding up the process is one of the major drivers to lower the cost of litigation.

Given the above objectives we should now examine major changes that should be made in the trial process and the Rules of Court.

Reengineering suggestions

Former Senate President Jovito Salonga has pointed out that our Rules of Court are drawn largely from the US judicial system, except that we don't have a jury system. Unfortunately, the rules of court that we follow were apparently designed for jury systems where jurors are not knowledgeable about legalities and the relevance and materiality of evidence.

Hence, in the jury system, the adversary lawyers try to define these with the judge as the procedure manager. This is like designing a carriage to be pulled by a team of horses and, subsequently, using an elephant to pull the carriage. Or as some people joke: having too many people designing a horse, you end up with a camel.

Choice of witnesses

One of the major changes that should be made is the choice of witnesses to be called. In the present system, only the contending parties may call in witnesses. The court and/or the concerned citizens should be able to call in witnesses that are considered relevant and material, which the contending parties do not choose to call.

The prosecution and defense only call witnesses that they think will help their case. As a result, the witnesses, are uncertain about who don't get called. It is possible that such witnesses can bring out the truth. In the interest of truth, the court should call such witnesses to testify.

Furthermore, the rules should be changed so that time is not wasted trying to classify witnesses as friendly witnesses or hostile witnesses. What is important are the facts and circumstances that are brought out by the witnesses, not their classification. The judges should be able to figure out the biases and credibility of each witness.

Materiality and relevance

Defense lawyers should not be empowered to prevent the truth from coming out through objections before the witness has answered the prosecutor's questions. The witness should be allowed to answer and say what he knows. The defense can subsequently introduce reasons to show that the witness statement was irrelevant or immaterial.

Clarissa Ocampo's testimony that the President had P500 million to lend to William Gatchalian was the most damming and significant testimony in the impeachment trial. If Chief Justice Davide had buckled under the defense objections on materiality and relevance, then the Impeachment Court and the Filipino people would have been denied the truth.

The Filipino people owe Chief Justice Davide a million thanks.

But the rules of court, which under a less strong and upright presiding judge would have allowed evidence to be suppressed, should be changed. The rule should be that, even when in doubt, the potential truth should be allowed to come out. Take for example the revelation of the Jose Velarde account. The burden of proving the legality of the P500 million Estrada had in the Jose Velarde account should be on Estrada. A President who is honest and working hard for the poor does not easily have the opportunity to make that kind of money—in a few months.

In fact, unless the President can prove a legitimate source of the P500 million, P1.2 billion or P2 billion in his various hidden accounts, the court should consider said huge sums which are way above the former president's legitimate sources of the income to be ill gotten. The court should first of all have the power to freeze and sequester all hidden wealth of government officials and private citizens who are charged in court. They should, however, be given the opportunity to prove that they have legitimately earned or gotten hold of said wealth.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue should determine the tax liabilities of said unexplained wealth.

The judges should consider the existence of such a huge amount of hidden wealth as circumstantial evidence of graft and corruption. The use of an alias like Jose Velarde adds to the seriousness of the circumstance. Furthermore, the entry of Dichaves to confuse the court adds more weight to the circumstantial evidence.

If anything was irrelevant and immaterial, it must have been Mendoza, Flaminiano, the Fortuns and company. If the rule of law and common sense were applied, rather than obsolete rules of court, the judges could have considered various hypothetical sources of unexplained wealth.

They could have tried Senators Juan Ponce Enrile's and Miriam Santiago's cute ideas:

- The President could have made his money on the stock market. Not in the year 2000, but perhaps earlier as part of the BW stock manipulation, a very interesting possibility.
- The money could have been unused campaign contributions? Comelec Chair Demetriou has explained that large campaign contributions have to be declared. Otherwise, they are illegal. Remember that Mark Jimenez is a fugitive from US justice because of some illegal campaign contributions he made in the United States.

Other sources could include: (1) "jueteng" payola as alleged by Governor Singson; (2) profits from smuggling, drugs, etc.; (3) payoff from the PLDT sale, Equitable PCI Bank merger, etc.; and (4) payoffs from large government contracts.

Q & A and no narrative rule

If knowledgeable and eloquent witnesses are being presented, the question and answer and no narrative rule is an utter waste of time. What could be more boring than Representative Moreno repetitively asking questions that had already been answered? What is wrong with the witness starting by giving a short narrative of what he knows?

I believe that the Question and Answer approach used in the US courts and the Philippines has two purposes: (1) to enable witnesses with little education and/or language problems to be able to present what he knows but cannot express in a complete sentence or paragraph, or (2) to enable the defense to block the introduction of information before the witness answers.

In the reengineered trial process, there is no need to introduce evidence strictly through the slow and tedious question and answer process. The witness should narrate what he knows first. The prosecuting attorney could then follow up with questions to highlight important points or to bring out evidence that was not covered in the narration. The defense may subsequently cross-examine and try to destroy the credibility of the witness. Following this procedure would greatly shorten the trial.

It is my estimate that without the slow Q&A approach and repeated objections to the introduction of evidence, the impeachment trial elapsed time would have been ¼ as long as it has actually been. When applied to all our courts, it would unclog the court bottleneck and hasten justice.

Objections to reengineering

It is said that if a reengineering project does not run into objections from key participants in the process, then it can be assumed that true reengineering was not attempted at all. In the case of our proposed reengineering of the Philippine court trial process, one can expect vehement objections from the masters of the Rules of Court. Lawyers like Mendoza and Flaminiano will be up in arms against the proposed reengineering of the trial process and accompanying Rules of Court.

In the reengineered process, they will lose their ability to suppress evidence against their rich clients, no more opportunity to unreasonably delay cases for years to the detriment of plaintiffs who cannot afford top-notch lawyers.

Benefits of reengineering

The reengineered process will have the following benefits: (1) It will be easier for the truth to come out; (2) There will be a more level-playing field to the advantage of poor people involved in cases; (3) Court cases will move faster lessening injustices due to long delays; (4) The cost of litigation will be reduced; (5) High price defense lawyers, who defend corrupt public officials and abusive businessmen, will lose significant income.

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MOVEMENTS

Kraft appoints new RP prexy/GM

CRUZ

BIENVENIDO S. Bautista, vice president and area director of Kraft Foods International-Southeast Asia, recently announced the appointment of Ramiro M. Cruz as president and general manager of Kraft Foods (Philippines) Inc.

In his new position, Cruz will provide overall leadership and direction for the Philippine business to achieve its goals and objectives as well as manage its growing imports business to make full use of the synergies in Kraft Foods Philippines' retail, marketing, selling and distribution expertise.

Cruz is a key member of the Kraft Foods Southeast Asia organization since he joined Kraft Foods (Philippines) Inc. in 1991 as business development manager. He was appointed in 1992 as business development manager, South/Southeast Asia and in 1996, as director for imports business in South/Southeast Asia.

In 1999 he was named general manager of Southeast Asia development markets where his focused drive and leadership was key to building the Kraft Foods Imports business in the region to a level where it presently contributes a significant portion to the company's volume and profit.

Before joining Kraft Foods, Cruz was assistant vice president at the former Citytrust Banking Corp. where he handled marketing services and was area sales manager for North and Central Luzon at Unilever Philippines. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce, major in marketing, from the De La Salle University.

KBP prexy elected for third term

MEMBER-ORGANIZATIONS of the Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster sa Pilipinas recently gathered for its 24th Top Level Management Conference and elected its officers and board of directors for the year 2001.

Serving as chair for a history-making third term is Cerge M. Remonde, general manager of the Cebu-based Vimcontu Broadcasting Corp., while Ruperto S. Nicdao Jr., president of the Manila Broadcasting Co. was elected as the new KBP president.

"The main thrust for the coming year is to strengthen the self-regulation capabilities of the KBP. This is in view of improving broadcasting services in the country primarily by ensuring responsible broadcasting of news and public affairs," announced Remonde who is currently the longest-serving KBP chair ever.

During the conference, top representatives from various-sized television and radio stations all over the country concurred that in view of the current political and economic crises, media must fully assume its role in objective and professional reportage.

"Over the next year or so, the KBP will beef up its monitoring hardware, while even further empowering its standards committee as well as the more than 40 local chapters all over the Philippines," explained Nicdao, who has been consistently elected as a KBP officer over the past four years.

In recent years, the KBP has enabled its more than 40 local and provincial chapters to become more involved in various critical processes such as determining priorities, enforcing pre-agreed broadcasting standards, and establishing linkages with the general public.

Asian elected in int'l body

OPOSA

WASHINGTON, DC—The Board of Trustees of the Center for International Environmental Law (Ciel) recently unanimously elected Antonio Oposa Jr., a prominent Filipino environmental lawyer and the first Asian, to serve a three-year term on its board. Ciel is a public interest and non-profit environmental law organization with a mission to strengthen international environmental law and policy capabilities of governments, international agencies and nongovernmental organizations around the world.

Following the election, Frederick R. Anderson, Ciel chair, said that "Mr. Oposa is one of the most accomplished environmental lawyers in the world; we are honored to have him as a member of our board."

Durwood Zaelke, Ciel president and founder, cited the Filipino lawyer: "Oposa is one of the most gifted and creative lawyers I have had the privilege to work with in my career. He is a man of great vision, courage and generosity. He is a powerful advocate, a prolific scholar and an inspiring teacher."

One of Oposa's precedent-setting cases established the right to sue on behalf of future generations, first articulated by the Supreme Court in an action to halt forest destruction. In his letter to the Ciel Board, Supreme Court Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. said that "Mr. Oposa pioneered and sustained the public interest practice of environmental law in the Philippines." The Chief Justice also noted that while the Supreme Court decision entitled Minors Oposa, et al. vs Department of Environment and Natural Resources is now well-known around the world, what is not known is "the great risks that Mr. Oposa took when he filed this bold, almost audacious, case in 1990—risks to his career and to his very life and limb."

"That a single man had the courage to expose the irreversible degradation of the country's forest resources and thereafter creatively use the rule of law as his only tool to call for the cancellation of the logging concessions is, no doubt, one of his best credentials," Davide said.

Davide also cited "Mr. Oposa for being instrumental in the 'greening' of the Philippine judiciary." Mr. Oposa is a professorial lecturer at the Philippine Judicial Academy (Philja), the training arm of the Supreme Court and of the University of the Philippines' College of Law.

Oposa continues to prove himself as a pioneer environmental law practitioner in the Philippines. For his contributions to public interest environmental law, he was awarded the prestigious "Ten Outstanding Young Men" (TOYM) award of the Philippines and the highest United Nations honor in the field of environment, the UNEP Global 500 Roll of Honor. He is now engaged in another landmark case to judicially enforce the cleanup of Manila Bay.

Accra founder tops world lawyers

TEODORO D. Regala, a founding partner and senior partner of Abello Concepcion Regala and Cruz (Accra law), one of the country's leading law firms, was recently ranked by the prestigious publication "Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers 2000-2001" as the top lawyer in the Philippines in company/commercial/mergers and acquisitions practice.

Described as "a sharp corporate finance practitioner," Regala is the only Filipino lawyer included in the Chambers "Global 100" Lawyers, "an attempt to identify the truly global players—lawyers who stand out from their colleagues and are recognized internationally."

Chambers Global Guide conducts extensive research yearly which covers opinions of clients and fellow lawyers throughout the world, collecting tens of thousands of comments through face-to-face and telephone interviews. The resultant rankings are thus a reflection and creation of the market.

Oracle has new EVP

WILLIAMS

REDWOOD SHORES, California—Oracle Corp., the largest provider of software for e-business, has announced the promotion of Derek Williams to executive vice president for the Asia-Pacific division, reporting to Larry Ellison, Oracle chair and chief executive officer.

Williams, who has been with Oracle since 1988, is responsible for Oracle's operations in 28 countries in the Asia-Pacific (excluding Japan)—including a network of 67 offices and 3,800 professionals. His promotion signifies Oracle's continued commitment to providing the most qualified support and executive leadership in the region.

Since Williams first set up Oracle's Asia-Pacific division in 1991, the division has grown twentyfold, and today is the largest supplier of information management software and services within the region with a growing roster of more than 15,000 customers.

"Oracle Asia-Pacific has achieved exceptionally strong growth despite a regional economy just coming out of a recession. Derek's leadership and expertise have been instrumental in the growth and health of Oracle's presence in the region," said Ellison. "We look forward to his continued vision and innovation driving further expansion in this area of huge opportunity."

Under Williams' direction, Oracle Asia-Pacific also launched an e-business accelerator program, a $32-million initiative to jumpstart elite Internet startup companies and accelerate e-business momentum in Asia.

Williams was appointed in 1998 to the Apec Business Council's Board of Governors and serves on the boards of the Pacific Basin Economic Council and the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council. In 1995, Williams was awarded an honorary professorship from Shanghai Textile University in recognition of his contribution to the development of the Chinese software industry.

Before joining Oracle Asia-Pacific, Williams served as a director of Oracle United Kingdom, where he was responsible for strategic accounts.

"As we enter the next phase of Oracle Asia-Pacific's transformation, I am proud to be a part of the Oracle vision and to continue to foster the growth of the premier e-business company," said Williams. "I look forward to working closely with the entire Asia-Pacific team and our partners to lead the company into its next era."

Applying

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lems was another.

"I look at myself as a manager by exception. I am not a person who applies management theories but rather what actually works in different situations. I look at a situation and say what needs to be done? What problems are to be overcome? What results have to be achieved?" she says.

Tan explains that she only steps in if the situation is out of the ordinary. She leaves day to day problems to her managers, giving them more leeway and a sense of responsibility.

"I am neither authoritarian or participative, results oriented or process oriented, formal or informal, tough or easy going. I would say I am all of these, depending on the situation and the problems we are faced with," she says.

She also puts a lot of value in fostering teamwork and achieving goals together with a deeply ingrained sense of values.

"It is service, teamwork, integrity, loyalty, excellence and stewardship that drove people to go that extra mile. When we first started, it was a group of people coming together to work on a goal, it was a good start. When we stayed together, we made progress. When we worked together to achieve what we planned for, it was success," she stresses.

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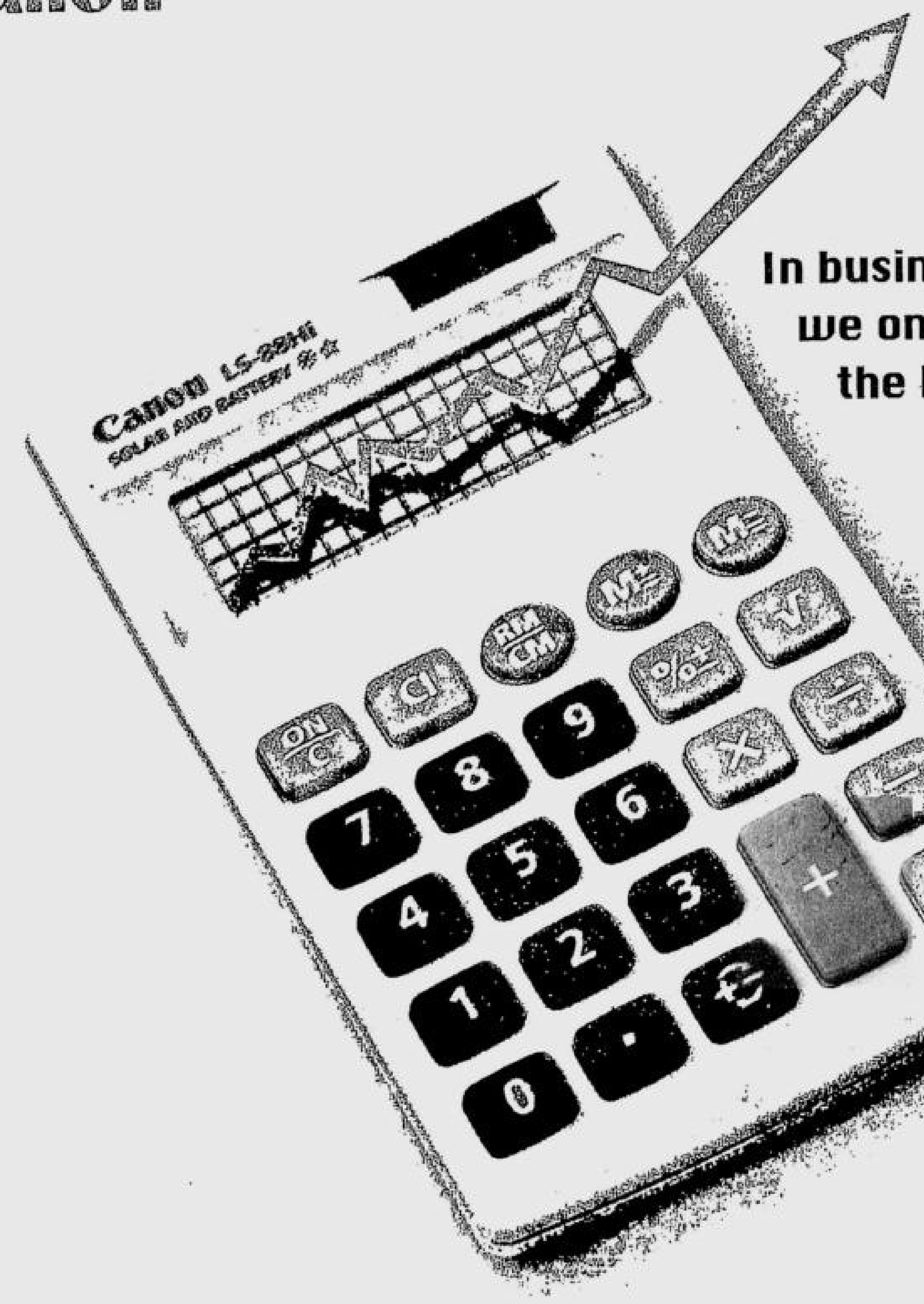

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BUSINESS*Monday*

Price watchdog takes on the drug challenge

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

A LEADING consumer price watchdog has obtained the support of local drugmakers in its plan to implement a strict monitoring of prices and quality of medicine in line with the government's efforts to provide affordable and quality medicine to Filipinos.

Consumer Price Watch chair Raul T. Concepcion said he met with officials of the Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Association of the Philippines and Generic Drugs Association to discuss ways on how the industry players can contribute to the project.

The Consumer Price Watch plans to expand its regular updates on prices of oil products and basic commodities to cover drugs in response to the public clamor for lower prices of medicine.

"We want to expand our public service of ensuring that consumers always get value for their money to a very important commodity such as drugs," Concepcion said.

The move was triggered by the government's efforts to lower costs of medicine in the country through parallel importation from India last year.

The Consumer Price Watch report provides a list of prevailing market prices and price movements during a specified period that makes the price setting more transparent. It also provides consumers with a firmer basis to determine whether traders or manufacturers were profiteering especially during periods of crisis.

Concepcion said the two organizations expressed strong interest in joining the program because it would provide more information to consumers who want to make price comparisons.

Biogenerics Pharmaceutical Corp. managing partner Dieter D. Bruckner said that the monitoring program would be a boost to generic drugs because more people would get to know steep discount on unbranded drugs.

"After years of having a Generic Law, most Filipinos still prefer branded medicine despite the obvious cost savings from generics."

Concepcion, however, admitted that the price monitoring of medicine could take some time before implementation.

"We want to ensure first that all the drugs we are monitoring comply with a common quality standard. This needs a lot of preparation because we are not experts in this field. Hopefully, with the help of PHAP and GDA, the learning process will be shorter."

Concepcion said the group has to certify that all drugs that it monitors meet standards set by the US Food and Drug Administration and that it could not just rely on the Bureau of Food and Drugs accreditation.

Bruckner said that ensuring the quality of drugs was important because some unscrupulous firms sacrifice quality just to protect their bottom line that would leave consumers on the short end or worse, their health under serious threat.

He said there was a need for stricter monitoring of quality considering that BFAD allows drug makers to continue their operations even though they have been barred from participating in government bidding due to serious violations of quality standards.

To get rid of garbage, earn profits from it

By Dennis M. Arroyo

HOW great is the capital's output of trash? Imagine a convoy of more than 2,700 trucks. And yet all the mountains of garbage can vanish via the market mechanism.

This piece draws on the articles in the Sept. 20, 2000 issue of Intersect.

Most trash from families

Metro Manila produces more than 5,440 tons of solid waste every day. That can fill more than 2,720 trucks. Of that amount, more than half, or 2,655 tons, comes from residences. This translates into an average of 2 kilos of garbage per family. The data come from a 1998 report of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

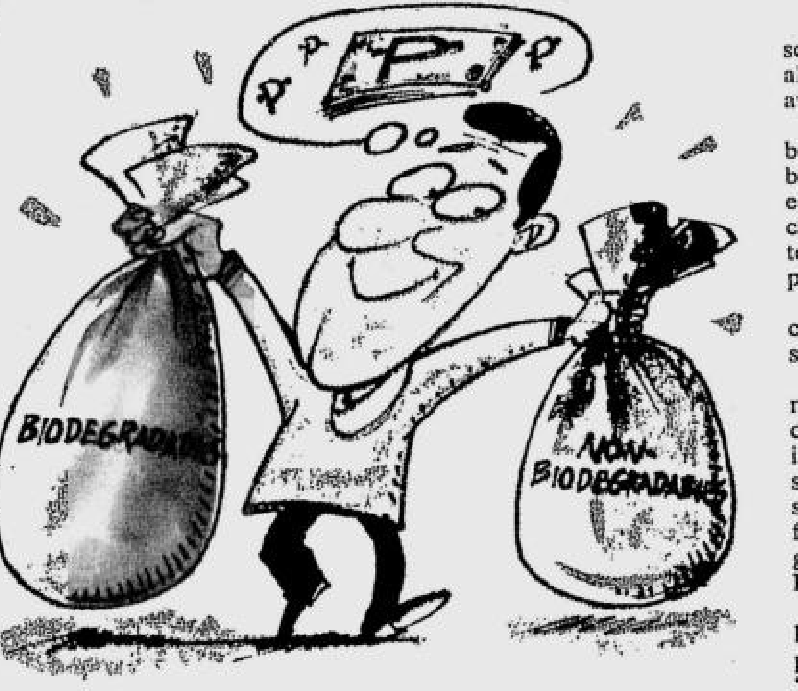
Trash from sweeping the streets contributes another a thousand tons. Add 702 tons from markets, 299 tons from firms, 316 tons from factories, and 283 tons from institutions like schools and hospitals. Then there are 60 tons from demolition and construction debris. Plus 125 tons in the category of "others."

Which sites in the national capital generates the most garbage? The top-notchers, by far are Manila and Quezon City. Manila's output is three times that of Caloocan.

However, only 84 percent of the trash gets collected. The rest end up disposed in vacant lots and rivers.

Value in scrap metal

The collected garbage is sorted to get the more valuable materials like metal. The remainder is disposed in open dumps, ala Payatas or San Mateo.



Scavengers wade through the mountains of trash to look for tin cans, bottles and newspapers.

Some firms bypass the dump route by selling their trash to middlemen. For example, groceries sell their cardboard boxes. Companies dispose of their excess paper via such channels. The latter in turn sell the cardboard and paper to the recycling facilities.

The trash of one person is of value to another. A tossed tin can may be processed for future metal parts. Glass bottles have obvious recycling value. Waste paper can be treated and turned into newsprint. Garbage exists only when the materials are all mixed up together.

Eliminating garbage

The solution is clear. Give or sell tin cans to the firms that will process them. Channel trash bottles to the firms that will treat them.

Collect trash paper to be turned into newsprint. And so on.

The ideal setting would look like this. In each family, disposed paper lands in the waste paper bin. Empty bottles are set aside in a corner.

Metal tins are put in their own trash can. Plastic cups go into a separate bag. Leftover food and other biodegradables are thrown into the family's compost pile.

Then the garbage collectors come to get the respective bags for plastics, metal and paper. The enterprises that buy such scrap metal or plastics get their raw materials directly from the municipality. They do not have to go through the messy dumpsite route.

The point is simple. Separating garbage into different bags—one for biodegradable trash, one for paper, one for plastic, one for tin cans—makes mountains of garbage vanish.

Profits from trash

Is the solution realistic? One community is making profits from the scheme. Barangay Ugong in Pasig City also won the Cleanest and Greenest award, and its prize of P1 million.

The people segregate their trash: biodegradable waste is put in green bags, while the non-biodegradables end up in black bags. The resident can sell their trash at the ecology center. Newspapers are sold for P 1.50 per kilo.

Bottles fetch 50 centavos each. The center then offers the scrap to wholesale buyers. It makes P 10,000 a week.

The enterprising poor earn money by going around in color coded pushcarts, collecting and buying the bags. They then peddle the scrap to junk shops in Pasig. They sell the tin cans at P 17 per kilo. In fact the barangay officials have given the pushcart people P300 to P750 each for capital.

That Pasig community has used the lure of profit to get rid of their garbage problem. The entire program is named "Bawas Basura, Dagdag Kita," and it works well.

Many recycling firms

Can other communities profit from the scheme? Recycling facilities abound in Metro Manila.

Plastic bottles go to certain enterprises in Novaliches, Malabon and Valenzuela. Excess paper ends up in firms found in Binondo, Balintawak, East Fairview and Sta. Mesa. Glass bottles are recycled by the San Miguel Corp. plant in Parola, Manila.

Used tetrapaks are processed in Malate. Scrap metal is collected in Caloocan and San Bartolome, Quezon City. Used batteries are gathered in Pasay City. Bottle caps and styrofoam end up in centers in Taguig and Los Baños, respectively.

To get the list of companies that collect such materials, inquire from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. *(Comments to <dmarroyo@hotmail.com>)*

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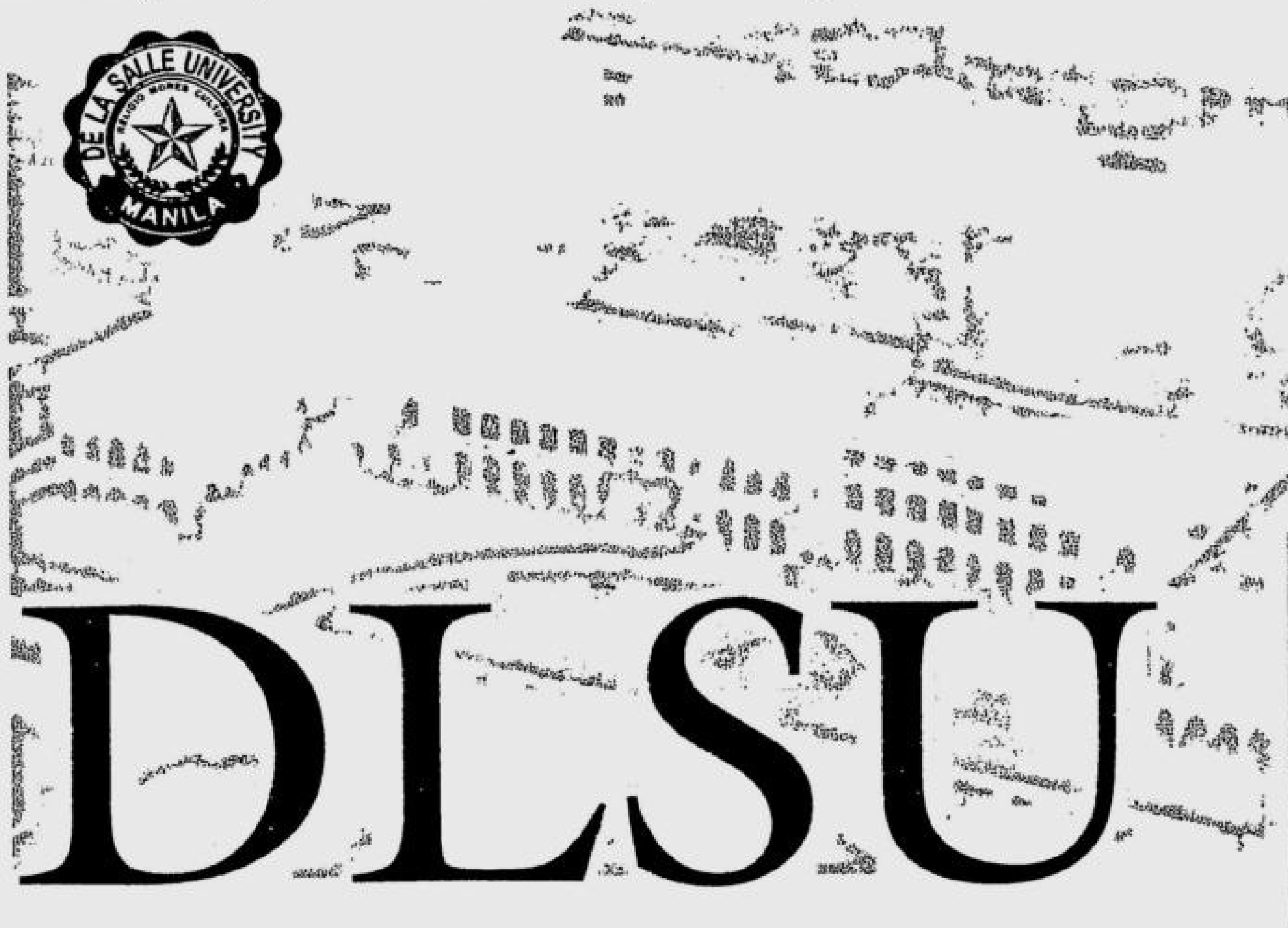

DLSU

A 90-YEAR NICHE IN PHILIPPINE SOCIETY

BY DEBBIE ANN TAN

As the real millennium 2001 begins, De La Salle University (DLSU)-Manila continues to uphold the ideals of the school when it first began in 1911 in Nozaleda Street. Yes, it persists to push frontiers as it molds young Christian achievers for God and for country through excellent education and service. In the midst of our present political crisis, DLSU-Manila continues to be pro-active for the welfare of our country. It stands proud after years and years of changes, movement and progress, and it remains true to its mission. DLSU-Manila is in a comfortably carved 90-year niche in the history of schools.

THE BEGINNING

June 16, 1911 saw the realization of the apostolic work of the Christian Brothers in the Philippines. It was their pioneering effort that introduced a modern educational system inspired by Saint John Baptist de La Salle. However, the establishment of De La Salle College was a milestone in itself because the institution became a conduit of change. Like a breath of fresh air, the college drove out the inculcated, stagnant ideals of the Old World, and chose to set its sight toward the neoteric ideas of the New World.

And it was a change indeed, starting with one of humanity's powerful tools—the word.

De La Salle College was the first school in the Philippines who had teachers (the Brothers) who spoke fluent English. They taught this language to the first batch totaling 125 boys. Thus, the American government permitted the school to continue operations of the full primary and intermediate programs (grades 1-4, 5-7) and a three-year commercial secondary school program.

However, religion was still an integral part of this education. What made La Salle unique was the fact that it taught catechism to school boys as young as first graders. According to Carlos Quirino, author of La Salle: 1911-1986, "The Catholic religion was to counterbalance the nonsecretarianism of the public school."

The 1920s to 1930s became a period of expansion, in terms of physical space, curricular offerings and programs, and population. Students from the old structure in Paco and new enrollees converged in the new building in Taft Avenue. The number of students quadrupled as the architectural plan of Tomas Mapua was made the basis for constructing the new edifice of neo-classical design. It was a landmark spot, then and now, along Taft Avenue. By the time the school had its laboratories, classrooms and chapel, there were around 1,200 enrolled students in 1939.

Even then, Lasallians were noted to excel in multiple endeavors, excelling in academics, co-curricular activities, and sports. In this period, extra-curricular programs were opened which provided opportunities to hone special skills. Organizations like the college choir, the first boy scout unit, the religious organization of the Solidarity of the Blessed Virgin Mary that started all other religious groups on campus, and the establishment of the National College Athletic Association in 1929 proved beneficial to the students. The best debate of the 20s had students prove their logical thinking and sparring capabilities, aside from their social concern, when they engaged in debate on the topic of US shipping laws applicable to the Philippines.

THE RESTORATION

War had impeded La Salle's progress. World War II shook the school to its very foundation. The tragedy was not one of physical crumbling but of a people falling apart. More deeply felt were the emotional scars and trauma the war's atrocities left behind.

La Salle offered a shelter to people running away from the Japanese soldiers. On one fateful day in 1945, routed Japanese soldiers led the bloody carnage of 16 Brothers and 25 civilians at the Chapel of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The Chapel saw the wasted lives of good people, and the memories of survivors and scars on the Chapel structure proved unwilling witnesses of the bloodbath.

Yet, soon as the Japanese left, La Salle continued, however difficult, the education of the boys. The dream of rebuilding human resources remained fervent. Throughout this period, La Salle strived to pick itself up and carry on from where it left off. The priority was to restore the place and keep the education to the quality it had earlier established.

Months after the Liberation of '45, despite lack of manpower and facilities, La Salle opened its gates to their students and had 60 high school graduates. Remodeling began which reaffirmed La Salle's commitment to education and service to people. Programs continued to be developed like the School of Engineering and School of Liberal Arts. According to Quirino, "It was the aim of the Brothers to train young Filipinos to become good businessmen and engineers who would assist the rehabilitation of the country."

In the 1960s, the grade school and high school departments were transferred out of Taft Avenue. This enabled the school to concentrate on its college department and to accommodate more students. La Salle also opened the opportunity for Filipinos to get into the next level of education after high school.

As Saint La Salle lived his life teaching teachers, the school continued his vision. It focused its attention on helping its faculty in 1969. La Salle had a faculty development program that gave scholarships to its members to pursue research and opportunity to specialize in their fields of expertise. The administrators fervently believed that to have an excellent school, it should have excellent teachers to train students.

THE RECOVERY

The '70s and '80s signaled a new leaf for La Salle. In tune with what the society needed, it initiated numerous programs and evolved to become an institution truly in the service of Church and Nation. The milieu dictated the kind of campus La Salle was to have—a bastion for patriotism, a marketplace of ideas, a seat of trailblazing educational innovations.

Martial Law drove the student body into the socio-political maelstrom. The period was characterized by protests, persecutions, and lives lost. But the trained Lasallians knew that they had to fight for freedom and justice.The school remained unfazed by the challenges. In fact, the school had trailblazing moves that stacked its stature higher than it had been in the past years.

In the schoolyear of 1973-1974 the school opened for women. Since then La Salle became coeducational. Women enrollees began to flock the campus. La Salle, though a Catholic school, became open to a wide range of subjects from religion to philosophy. It allowed Protestant groups to hold activities in the campus, which were unheard of in the 1920s. It also made available courses on Marxist-Leninist, which were "feared" thoughts at that time.

The greatest step taken by the school was the change of status from a college to a university in 1975. Being a quality private school paved the way for this change. At the beginning of the 1980s, the University had another milestone. This time it was a change from the traditional semestral academic schedule to the year-round trimestral calendar.

Perhaps carrying the zeal of the First Quarter Storm, Lasallian students provided manpower and logistics support to the 1986 NAMFREL Operation Quick Count Center set up at La Salle Green Hills. The University saw how the experience would conscienticize the students, thus, opening the opportunity for students to act as volunteers. It was also during this period that the Center for Social Concern and Action (COSCA) was setup to increase the involvement of students in disadvantaged communities.

THE FUTURE

In the 90s, DLSU-Manila started the bountiful harvest of accolades and praises of institutions in the country and in Asia Pacific. Social concern and research became priority concerns. With their fusion, the University earned respect from communities served and recognition from award-giving bodies. With nothing more to prove but more to achieve, DLSU-Manila looks forward to the next 10 years leading to its centennial and beyond.

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Through the assistance of COSCA, DLSU-Manila was able to serve communities in the outskirts of urban and suburban areas. The University has, for example, initiated the re-greening of Talin Bay in Batangas with the planting of mangroves which help protect the shorelines. This project helps maintain the ecosystem in the environment, and impacts on the livelihood of the fishing community.

As DLSU-Manila gained ground in engineering, the school was tapped to create a low-cost and environmental energy source for the town of Malibcong in Abra. The Lasallian engineers created the microhydro power source which generated electricity to provide lighting for the community, while fueling their agricultural mills. This project eventually earned the grand prize in the "Search for the Most Outstanding Project Undertaken through Volunteerism in Higher Education Institution."

Policy research, collection of baseline data, development and innovation of new technologies, and program evaluation are but among the research projects which complement the content of education, and serve a variety of needs of different sectors.

The development of a strong research culture was proven in the recent Asiaweek 2000 survey, when DLSU-Manila ranked first in research output, outperforming even the State University.

The same survey also affirmed La Salle's stature in the region. When ranked by peers in the Asian academe, leading US schools, and top corporations, DLSU-Manila emerged as the most admired Philippine private university. DLSU has more than 20 university partners around the world. It is only one of two universities in the country included in the Asian University Network (AUN), a conglomerate of ASEAN's best universities, and dominated by state schools. DLSU President Rolando Dizon, FSC represents the Philippines in the AUN board.

La Salle also topped the category in bandwidth among Philippine universities. Recognizing the immense power of IT, the University provided access to students by giving internet accounts to all students. Also part of the IT achievement, DLSU set up the Center for Educational Multimedia to help teachers integrate information technology in teaching. The College of Computer Studies have had the highest accreditation from the Philippine Accrediting Association. Most of the DLSU programs have level III accreditation, which is the highest in the Philippines.

The Commission on Higher Education awarded DLSU-Manila with 10 centers of excellence in the following areas: English, Filipino, Literature, Math, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Electronics and Communications Engineering, Chemical Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering. This center of excellence seal has recognized the University's quality education, research and scholastic output, and community service.

The dynamism and sensitivity and responsiveness of the institution to match the needs of Filipinos and the Philippines had placed DLSU-Manila at an advantaged position in the Philippine higher education scene. Ninety years of history may not be a long time, but consider how La Salle has earned the respect and reputation equally accorded its peers locally and internationally.

De La Salle University-Manila offered itself to be a true resource for Church and country. It will continue to affirm its commitment to the education of future Philippine leaders. To sum up the 90 years and the future, DLSU President Brother Roly Dizon succinctly said, "The real challenge for us is to continue to educate a new generation of Filipinos truly committed to the common good."

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"I AM A CHRIST

BY RUBY AÑONUEVO, JOHANNES

The passion to fight for a cause, the resolve to put up a good fight to the finish, the drive to institute positive change, the determination to transform individuals, all stem from knowing who you are and what you value. All emotions, motivations, and actions are animated by this self-knowledge. Once you have made a proclamation "I am a Christian achiever," you cannot but escape your Lasallian character to become a servant for Church and Nation.

The Lasallian formation molds and inspires individuals to become committed, competent, confident, compassionate, and Christian. These are the very qualities that determine the Lasallian Christian achiever, and which point to a course of action which ultimately lead to excellence.

The succeeding stories narrate tales about Lasallians—students, faculty, and alumni who have distinguished themselves to be examples of Lasallian excellence. Students Eva Marie Ditan, Grant Cheng, and Jolina Mallari show why the country can pin their hopes on them for the future; alumni Dr. Pia Banico-Villanueva and Mayor Jesse Robredo tell how service based on respect of humanity make miracles, and faculty Dr. Wilfrido Villacorta and Dr. Marjorie Evasco will evoke passion and fervor among students and peers whose lives they touch.

VISIONING A BRIGHT FUTURE

Students Eva Marie, Grant, and Jolina have varied backgrounds—they study different courses and engage in diverse extracurricular activities. What they share though, is the drive to be the best in their respective endeavors and set a good example among their peers.

Cut from the Ditan mold with cast shaped to make great jins, international taekwondo master Eva Marie lives up beyond being competent and trooped to Sydney to become the first Ditan in the Olympic showdown. Half-brother Arnold Baradi, the first Filipino gold medalist in the Asian Championships, was the one who influenced her into donning the taekwondo uniform when she was six year old. Teammate Roberto Cruz is an uncle. All her siblings are also jins, and four of them became part of the national team.

Despite the overwhelming talent and achievements of her kin, Eva Marie managed to carve a name for herself. She won numerous medals in competitions here and abroad, including the silver in the 1998 World Cup.

Another stellar accomplishment by a Lasallian was copped by DLSU-Manila Star Scholar Grant Cheng, a Manufacturing Engineering and Management student. Recently, he was selected to be the country's delegate to the 5th Hitachi Young Leaders Initiative, an annual meeting of future leaders from Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand.

The Philippine panel which voted him to the said meet was apparently impressed with his wide knowledge of issues and ability to strongly argue and present his position. Of the international meet, Grant confesses, "I learned a lot in the weeklong conference. Aside from the unified paper that the group presented, the best thing that happened was the cultural exchange and intellectual interaction among the 24 delegates," he says. Although he was one of the youngest participants in the batch, the 19-year old engineering student notes that he was able to discuss the issues with depth and relate with the others well.

Speaking of future leaders, DLSU-Manila Student Council President Jolina Mallari is one campus figure her peers should look up to. What she has done so far for the students can put a government official to shame in terms of contributing so much for the good of many people, especially her fellow Lasallian students. Under her leadership, the DLSU Student Council emerges as among the first organized student groups to mount a campaign against the ex-President, the initiative even receiving praise from Senator Ramon Magsaysay, Jr., a prominent DLSU alumnus.

Balancing her studies for a double degree in Marketing and Psychology and leadership duties, Jolina strives to serve the students who elected her to position. To date, the Student Council has revised the Grievance Procedure that helped a lot of students feel empowered by knowing their rights inside the campus. In addition, the establishment of the Student Cooperative is now in the works.

The young leaders of La Salle believe that they owe it to Filipinos to act as committed citizens to promote a better future for the country and its people. Jolina, for one, believes that she can make a difference as a representative of the youth. "We cannot be mere observers of society but we should be prime movers and try to do as much as we could to uplift our country."

Eva Marie, a sports management major, says that the youth should have a proactive stance in society. She expresses that "we young people should think of ways to correct the 'wrongs' of society and continually strive to make our country a better place to live in."

Candidate for magna cum laude, Grant encourages the young to take stock of opportunities opened to them to hone their skills and inclinations. He believes that much is expected of young leaders like himself. "It's the youth's responsibility to be aware, to be informed, and know where they are headed. When the time comes for them to assume posts in government and private sector, they can inject new blood and start changing things for the better."

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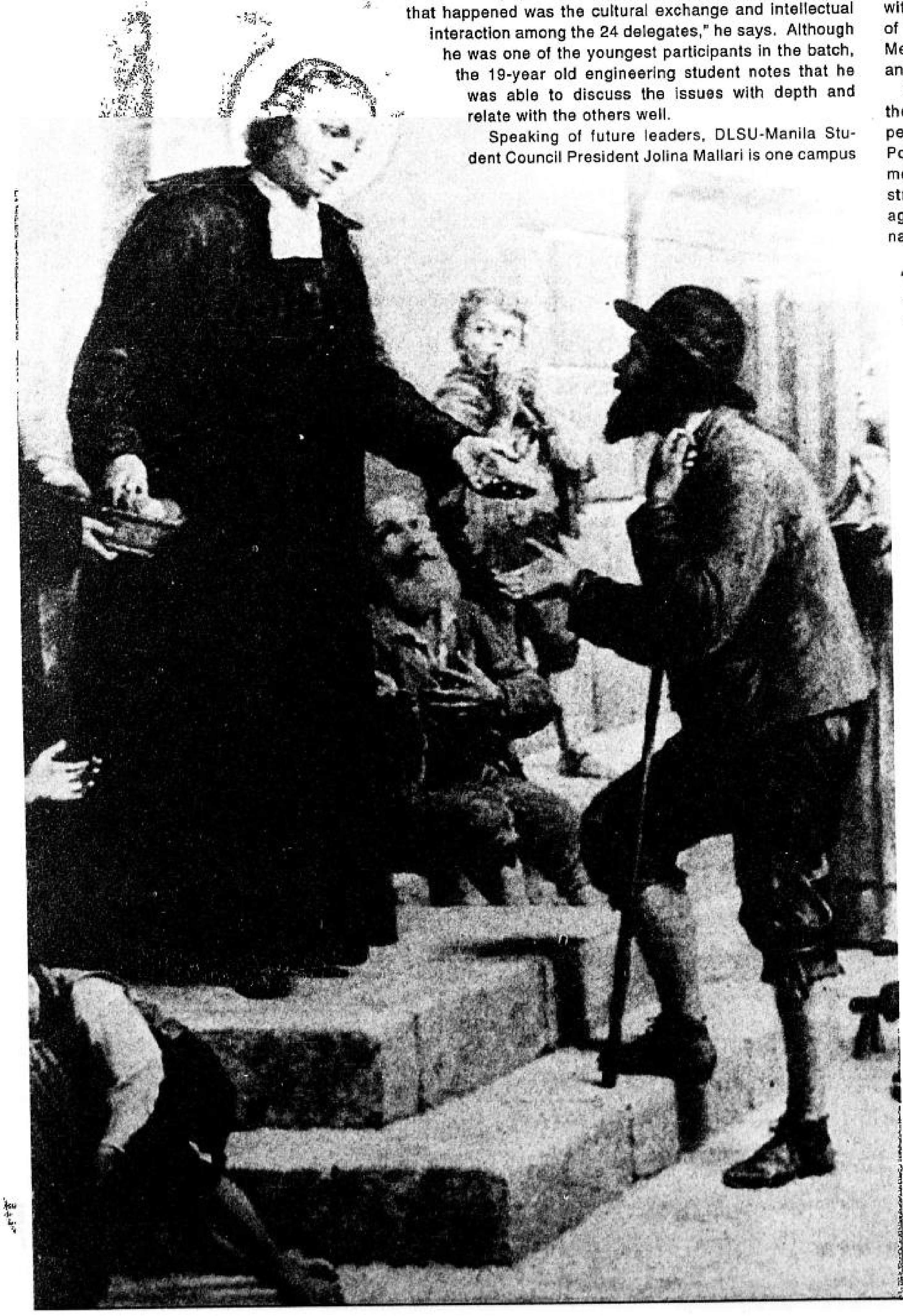
GUIDING LIGHTS OF THE FUTURE

If students like Eva Marie, Grant, and Jolina radiate intelligence, talent, and concern, they will concede that they owe it, among other factors, to their teachers. La Salle is gifted with teachers who exude exceptional acumen and artistic genius. As a matter of fact, a lot of faculty members from La Salle have been selected as Outstanding Teachers by Metrobank, Outstanding Young Scientists by the Department of Science and Technology, and other accolade befitting a teacher and researcher of distinguished caliber.

But a teacher's worth is not only measured by awards and trophies, but by the impact they make on students and peers and the consequent respect accorded them by these people. At the height of the campaign against the ex-President, Dr. Wilfrido Villacorta, Political Science professor, were among the staunchest advocate for a change in government, whether on campus or in rallies in Mendiola and Edsa. A veteran of Philippine struggles, his heightened passion to sway students, especially Lasallians, to rise up against corruption is rooted in his belief that Lasallians are concerned and involved with national issues and affairs, contrary to false notions of their apathy.

After the victory in EDSA II, hugely supported by young Lasallians, Villacorta stresses "The expulsion of an abusive leader does not end our problem. Our fundamental problems – mass poverty and social inequality, corrupt and weak governance, political patronage – were responsible for bringing to power the previous inept leadership. Our latest people power revolution should not only address



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these fundamental problems but also solve them. More sectors are involved now and I hope they have the political will to truly reform society. We should not abuse God's mercy. This is already our third people's revolution; this may be our last chance. Let us not squander once more its gains."

Villacorta's numerous involvements in government, national and local organizations make him the eloquent teacher that he is. A recognized scholar in the fields of politics, international law and relations, and education, Villacorta was appointed by then President Corazon Aquino to the 1986 Constitutional Convention as chair of the Committee on Human Resources, allowing him to sponsor the provisions on education, national language, and rights of children. He also co-sponsored the ban against foreign bases, land reform, right to public information, and the equality of women.

As much as Villacorta pours in passion into his struggles, poet and teacher Dr. Marjorie Evasco gives as much zeal in writing and teaching literature. Intrinsically proud of her Cebuano heritage, Evasco pioneered the teaching of Cebuano literature in the country. Students who are fortunate to learn of her rich Cebuano heritage sometimes get luckier, as she takes them to her hometown if opportunity allows. After one immersion, one student remarks, "There are three things I want to thank Cebu for—added knowledge, a great time, and new friends. We will never forget the vast blue handkerchief of the sky and sea."

The student's statement is a gift for any teacher. As Evasco says, among the blessings of a teacher is "that moment when students discover the uses of their own fire of being; when they are able to transform their particular human experience and knowledge into an affirmation of wonder, and a reminder of the mystery which lies just beneath the surface of things."

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Evasco, a research faculty at DLSU-Manila, is a 1999 Metrobank Outstanding Teacher awardee. Evasco as a poet has been widely published in periodicals and anthologies in the Philippines and in Canada, France, Germany, India, and Malaysia. Her latest collection of poetry is *Ochre Tones*. Her other books include *Dreamweavers, A Legacy of Light: 100 Years of Sun Life in the Philippines, Six Women Poets: Inter/Views* co-written with Edna Manlapaz, and *Kung Ibig Mo: Love Poetry by Women* co-edited with Benilda Santos.

Equally accomplished as professor, researcher, administrator, and international scholar, Villacorta was recently named by Pope John Paul II to the 34-member Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences, in recognition of his scholarship, moral integrity, and service to the cause of international understanding. Earlier, the French government awarded him with the decoration of Chevalier.

The activist professor, as Villacorta came to be known for his involvement in the anti-Marcos campaign and in the anti-US bases movement, credits his parents for his drive to achieve. "My parents always told me to push myself beyond my normal limits. I resolved to do my best and really work hard."

SERVING HEARTS

When students leave their alma mater, the school can but only hope that it has taught the students well, and that they would lead good lives. What alumni Mayor Jesse Robredo and Dr. Pia Banico Villanueva give back to people in the form of service is enough reward for La Salle, which has nurtured the two to become caring citizens.

Mayor Robredo, a Mechanical and Industrial Management Engineering graduate in 1980, started his career in government in 1986, when then President Corazon Aquino asked him to serve his hometown in Naga City. He took charge of the Bicol River Basin Development Program and then became Naga City mayor at the age of 29.

His deeds grabbed national attention when he received the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Government Service last year. The international honor, after all, brought a new promise to the current state of public service in the country. People were amazed that somebody in the government could actually pull off something that was no less than a miracle.

By that time, he was able to institute massive changes in the local public system. He rid the city of smut and illegal gambling, introduced merit-based system for hiring and promotion, and de-clogged the city's traffic by relocating bus and jeepney terminals. He revitalized the city's economy by going into partnership with local businesses. He also improved public service. During his time, new schools were established and health care was provided for low-income families. To encourage participation of Naga's citizenry, he launched programs for the youth, farmers, laborers, women, the elderly, and the handicapped.

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A woman of science, Villanueva believes that healing transcends the physical, where a good doctor treats an ailing patients inside and out, healing their whole beings. Villanueva does a Patch Adams, setting an example to her peers by being a doctor who is ready to listen to patients unload their problems, not just of the body, but often times of the soul as well.

Aside from being a doctor, Villanueva finds accomplishment in raising two good children who will grow up to be God-fearing citizens. She finished her biology course in 1987, and passed the physician's licensure exam six years afterwards. Then she took up further training at the Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York, specializing in neuropathology and stroke. She came back and became the chief resident of Makati Medical Center's Department of Neurology.

Currently serving as Makati Medical Center's Associate Visiting Consultant in Neurology, Villanueva confesses that finishing her rotation at the Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, serving patients around Harlem, made her cynical to the realities experienced in the medical profession. Little did she know that her children will change her perspectives in life, and that mothering will give her so much joy.

Successfully combining her professional and home life, Villanueva offers the food for thought which has worked tremendously for her. "Happiness is not just getting what you want, but still wanting it when you get it."

Mayor Robredo shares the same joy for parenting and family life, especially now that he is out of public office. He has more time now for his wife and kids. When he visits Manila, he still gets to see his fellow Lasallians, who are actually the set of friends in Manila that he has kept through the years.

After his third term in office, he stepped down. He never made any effort to entrench any member of his family into politics. Today, he extends his assistance to a number of non-government organizations.

This Magsaysay awardee says that "there's no price for serving the people." For her part, Villanueva, in her capacity, also commits herself to healing people in rural areas. She volunteers her time for civic actions and for hospital-based medical missions.

THE ULTIMATE CHRISTIAN ACHIEVER

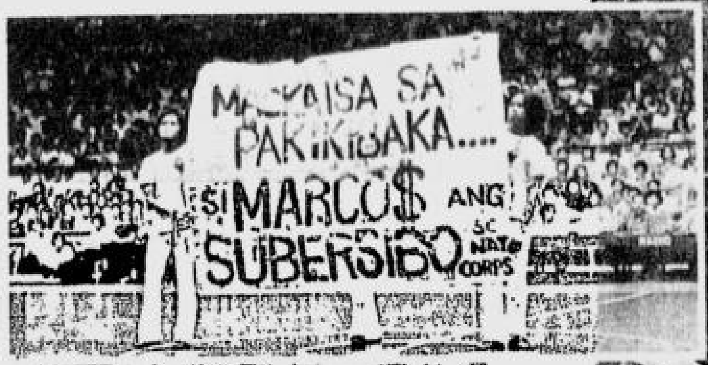
More than three hundred years ago, St. John Baptist de La Salle obeyed God's will and calling for him to serve the educational needs of the disadvantaged children in France. He felt that these children were far from salvation, whether here on earth or beyond. Thus he formed a group of schoolmasters, which are now called the La Salle Brothers, to run schools to enlighten the young.

For all his contribution to education and example he set for the Christian community, St. La Salle was named Patron of all Catholic teachers.

It is by his shining example that stories of Ditan, Cheng, Mallari, Villacorta, Evasco, Robredo, and Villanueva can be told as exemplars of a Lasallian claim "I am a Christian Achiever." These accounts are written to inspire other Lasallians to set out for themselves life pleasing in the eyes of people and God.

These accounts of Lasallian achievements are but a few that can be told and re-told. "I am a Christian achiever," this is a proclamation by Lasallians who can say this with conviction because they know what they are, what they value, and what they are worth. While anyone can be an achiever, a right to claim to be a Lasallian Christian achiever makes a whole world of difference.

RESIGN!
A call from the Lasallian family



RESIGN!
A call from the Lasallian

Lasallian revolutionaries in the making of Philippine history

BY REBY GAW

The recent turn of events in EDSA, touted to be a reprise of the first People Power in 1986, was made possible through the collective effort of incensed Filipinos demanding for the ouster of ex-President Estrada who for the crowd symbolized ultimate corruption. EDSA oldtimers, including People Power President Cory Aquino, recognized the active participation of young people, particularly students, in the new struggle. In solidarity with different cause-oriented groups, La Salle students, as early as October when juetengate erupted, mounted its own campaign against the administration which consisted of circulation of statements, interaction with key players of the struggle, writing letters to Senators pleading for a conscience vote, and engaging in street parliamentarism.

Exposure to key political figures proved critical in the analysis of issues and forming of opinions. La Salle initiated dialogues and interaction with former President Corazon Aquino, then Vice President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, running priest Fr. Robert Reyes, and Randy and Karina David. Consequently, after La Salle released its statement withdrawing support from the Estrada administration, students allied themselves and formed Alliance of Lasallians against Erap or simply ALSA-Erap.

Rallies became regular fare, the prospect of cutting short an already brief trimestral calendar failed to unfaze faculty, students, and administrators. In fact, alternative classes were declared so students can fully participate in the democratic process and make of their involvement a valuable learning experience. The heightened fervor was so intense, and even without La Salle heads prodding them to, the students organized and went on their own volition.

Take the case of Christian Berrey, Political Science student and president of the Political Science Society of DLSU-Manila. His search for truth took him at the corner of Ortigas Avenue and EDSA. Ian, as he is more fondly called, wanted to help his fellow students to get involved with what was unfolding, as the country prepared for another socio-political upheaval. He began to organize campus activities, focusing on giving students ideas and perspectives regarding the political and economic instability brought by the incompetence and corruption of the Estrada administration. His desire to help inform and motivate his fellow students to take action stemmed from the values he learned as a Lasallian student: to seek the truth for the common good.

The involvement of young student leaders, as in Ian's case, especially in mass actions, might give parents the unnecessary anxiety. However, Ian proudly admitted that he found a staunch supporter in his father. He acknowledged his father as full of wisdom and, in spite of a busy schedule, finds the time to guide him. "My father taught me to push for my principles, and by so doing defend what is right and true."

Angst and pride— maybe parents experience the conflicting feeling when their children risk their lives for the greater good of the country. It may be the case for Ian's parents, and may have been the situation for parents of student leaders of the '60s and '70s.

THE BREWING STUDENT MILITANCY

The late '60s saw the gradual emergence of student militancy on campus, with the organization of a Student Council to formally air students' concerns to administration. La Salle alumnus Elfren Cruz, former Student Council President and currently faculty of the Graduate School of Business, recounted how the renown of La Salle graduates Senators Jose Diokno and Lorenzo Tañada gave inspiration to politicizing Lasallians. "Lasallians had mostly alumni who became businessmen and entrepreneurs for role models. The rise of these two prominent alumni offered a different option for Lasallians."

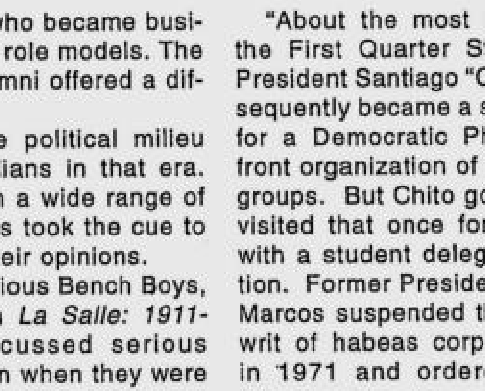
Cruz also narrated that the political milieu shaped a new breed of Lasallians in that era. Classes opened discussions on a wide range of ideas, Cruz noted, and students took the cue to become liberal in expressing their opinions.

As a matter of fact, the notorious Bench Boys, according to Carlos Quirino in *La Salle: 1911-1986*, discussed serious issues even when they were more reputed to talk about movies, basketball games, and girls. The account was based on a narration by La Salle alumnus Ricardo Sanchez, Asian Studies graduate in 1974. "In the late '60s and early '70s before martial law was declared, politics was a favorite topic among the Bench Boys. Sit-ins, speeches and rallies became popular. Sanchez adds that he will never forget the time when activist Hollywood actress Jane Fonda, during a sojourn in Manila, stood up on one of the benches to speak against the Vietnam War."

The issues which the early "activists" took up with administration included among other things, school policies and commercialization of education. While there was great emphasis on internal issues, the ferment of activism among La Salle students which culminated in the First Quarter Storm rose during this time.

STUDENT POLITICAL MOVEMENT

The First Quarter Storm gave full expression to student activism as students went nail-and-tooth in confrontation with government troops. Calixto Chikiamco, alumnus of batch '72, gave an account of Lasallians involved in the struggle.



"One who did drop out of school at the height of the FQS was Dean Jorge Bocobo. Dean was a very bright student, having graduated valedictorian in La Salle Green Hills. His decision must have caused his father, who was then working for the government, much distress. But Dean got picked up in the first wave of arrests during the night martial law was declared in September 21, 1972. Being an American citizen, he was subsequently released and allowed to leave the country.

"Deany finished his interrupted studies in the US and obtained a master's degree in physics from Harvard University. After two decades of working for General Electric, he went back home. He now writes a once a week column in the Philippine Daily Inquirer.

"About the most prominent Lasallian during the First Quarter Storm was Student Council President Santiago "Chito" Sta. Romana who subsequently became a spokesman of the Movement for a Democratic Philippines, a sort of united front organization of national democratic student groups. But Chito got trapped in China when he visited that once forbidden Communist country with a student delegation. Former President Marcos suspended the writ of habeas corpus in 1971 and ordered the arrest of "subsersive" student leaders. Chito was in that list, so he never was able to come back, at least until Marcos fled and democracy was restored in 1986.

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"Chito is still in China, having decided to make it his second home. He uses his acquired fluency in the Chinese Mandarin language in his work with the American TV network ABC in Beijing, China.

"If we had looked up to Chito Sta. Romana, we had nothing but awe for Victor Corpus. Vic Corpus took his elementary and high school years in La Salle. He decided to become a military officer and finished at the Philippine Military Academy. But as a young, idealistic lieutenant, he defected to the Communist New People's Army in a dramatic way. On December 29, 1970, he led a group of NPA fighters in raiding the armory of the PMA and joined his new comrades in the hills.

"Looking through my old issues of the *La Sallian*, official student newspaper, I saw this article on Vic Corpus by John Silva: 'On the 27th of December, he took a bus to Baguio. But before that, he gave his two sisters a big hug, and a huge embrace to a real mother, real because she understood her son, and never faltered in her trust. His last words to his mother were 'I shall never make you ashamed of me.'

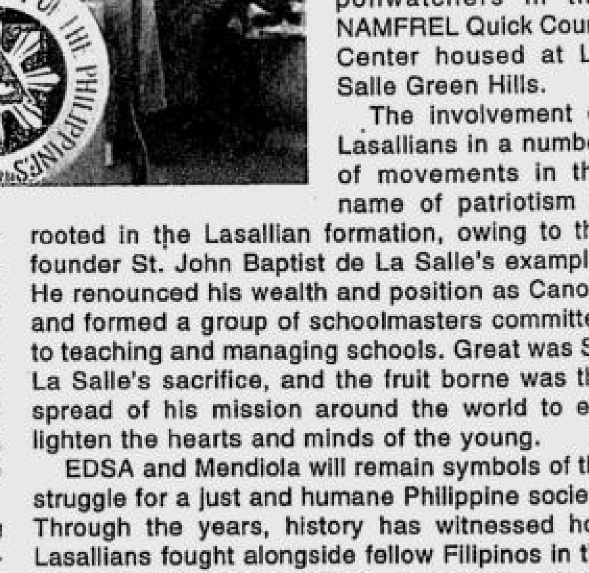
"But Vic grew disillusioned with the communist movement and eventually rejoined the armed forces which he had fought. He moved up the ranks and in a twist of irony, was recently appointed by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo to head the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces (ISAF)."

While La Salle cannot lay a claim to being the hotbed of student activism during the FQS, it can proudly attest to being one of the initiators of the protest movement. Though less in number, Lasallians weren't any less nationalistic and idealistic than their counterparts in other schools. As Chikiamco noted, "More than a quarter of century later, these La Salle graduates, now clad in business suits and *barong*, were in the forefront of protesting immorality and corruption in government." Present-day corporate leaders and entrepreneurs were visible in the recent EDSA revolution, including Ramon del Rosario Jr., Jose Concepcion Jr., and Jose Cuisia Jr.

Lasallians also made their presence felt during the first People Power struggle in 1986. While some kept watch in EDSA, a number of students volunteered to serve as pollwatchers in the NAMFREL Quick Count Center housed at La Salle Green Hills.

The involvement of Lasallians in a number of movements in the name of patriotism is rooted in the Lasallian formation, owing to the founder St. John Baptist de La Salle's example. He renounced his wealth and position as Canon, and formed a group of schoolmasters committed to teaching and managing schools. Great was St. La Salle's sacrifice, and the fruit borne was the spread of his mission around the world to enlighten the hearts and minds of the young.

EDSA and Mendiola will remain symbols of the struggle for a just and humane Philippine society. Through the years, history has witnessed how Lasallians fought alongside fellow Filipinos in the quest for freedom. When the need arises, Lasallians will offer the same service because the dreadful part of history ought not to repeat itself.



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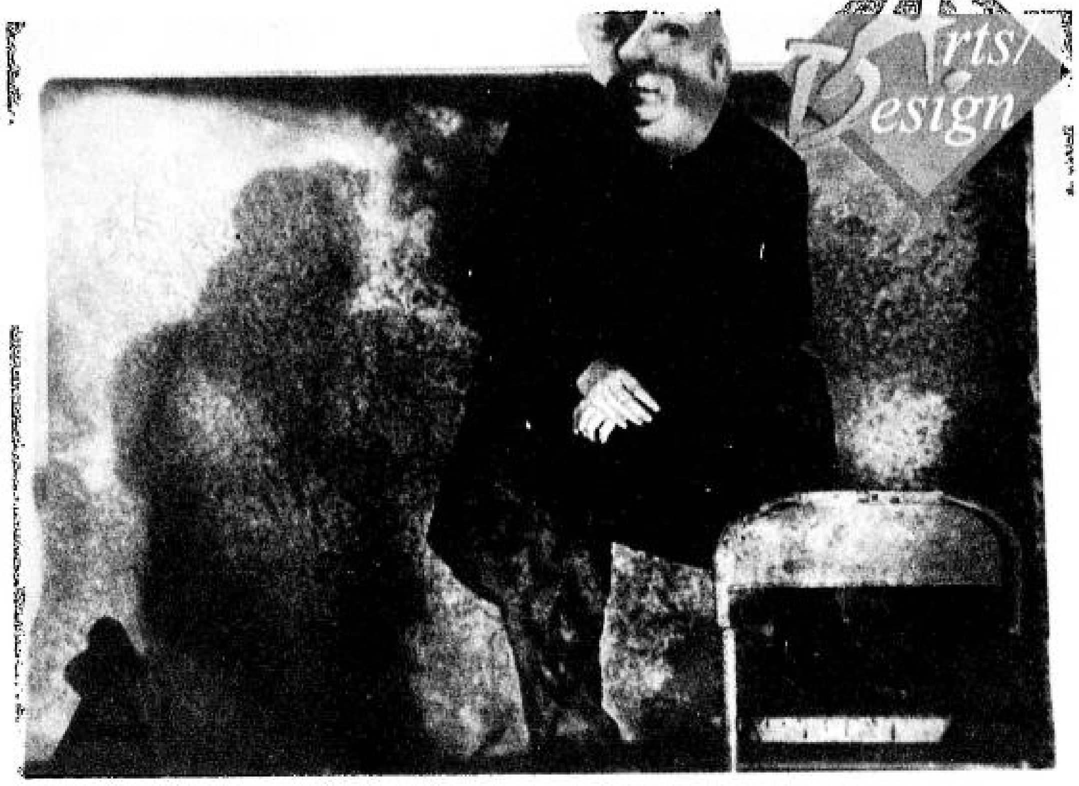


"SINO Filipino"

Breaking rules to create photographic art

By Angelina G. Goloy

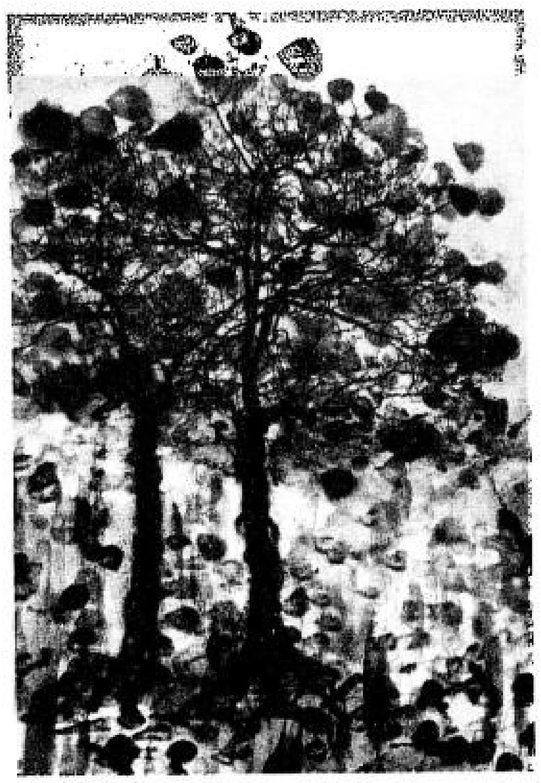
AT A HIGH school class reunion, friends who heard she was into photography entreated Tita V. Lim to do their portraits—the sooner the better, they said, while laugh lines and other signs of aging were still easy to touch up.

"Sure," Tita obliged, chuckling as she added, "but don't blame me if you don't like what you see."

Classmates who attended the opening days later of her seventh solo exhibit, titled "Beyond Aperture," at the UP Vargas Museum got the message. What they saw were no pretty pictures (the phrase alone would probably make Tita wince) but strikingly unique images that one could describe as playful presentations, deliberately deviating from realistic rendering.

In one photograph, a male figure wears a face composed of two different ones. In another, a woman's eyes and lips are right smack where her navel should be. Still in others what the viewer thinks s/he sees turns out to be something else through the artistic distortion of images.

Curiously, it isn't discomfort but delight that the viewer experiences. But then Tita is no traditional photographer. She does not take pictures, she creates them. And she does this by breaking the rules. "Everything a photographer shouldn't do with negatives and slides I do," she says, sounding like a school kid with mischief on her mind.



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The idea came from one of her instructors at the Academy of Art College in San Francisco, California, where she majored in commercial photography. John Bloom, who handled the Color I class in her first year, challenged his students to experiment with their negatives.

Digging up discarded slides, Tita bleached and blotted, smudged and stained them. It was an exciting period of discovery. For the next four years she sailed through her subjects in still life, portraiture, fashion and glamour photography, but by the time she finished her course she had decided her work would be different.

The photographs she presented at the graduation exhibition were a statement. In its press announcement,

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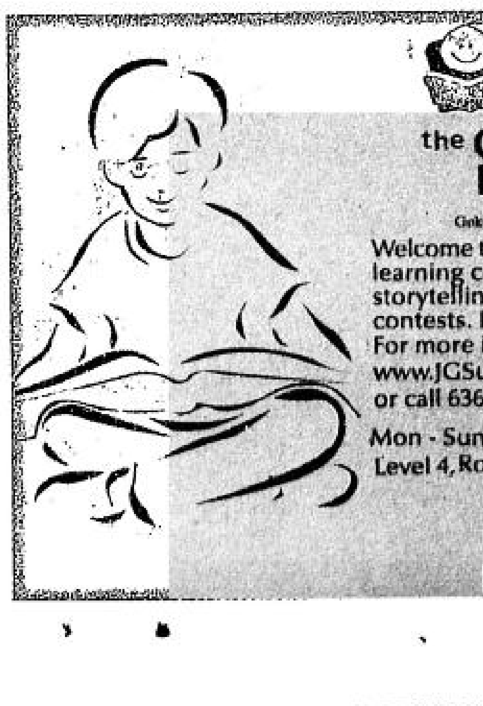

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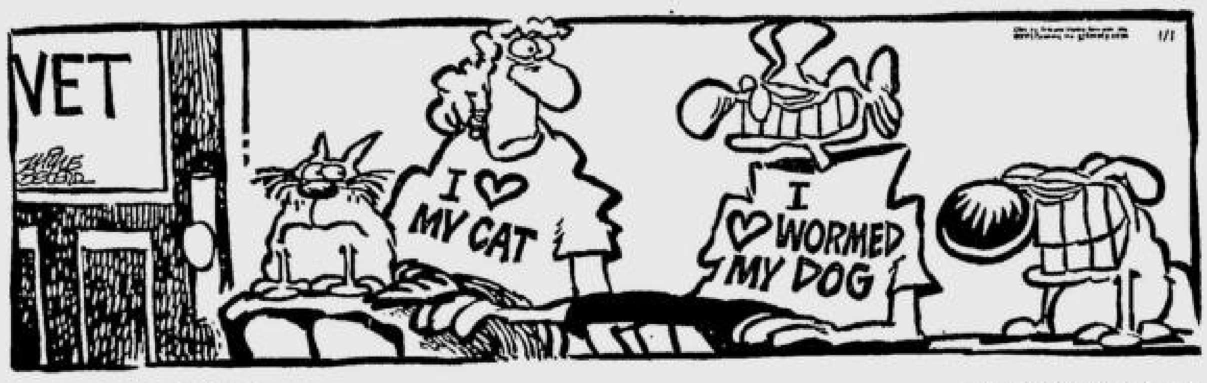
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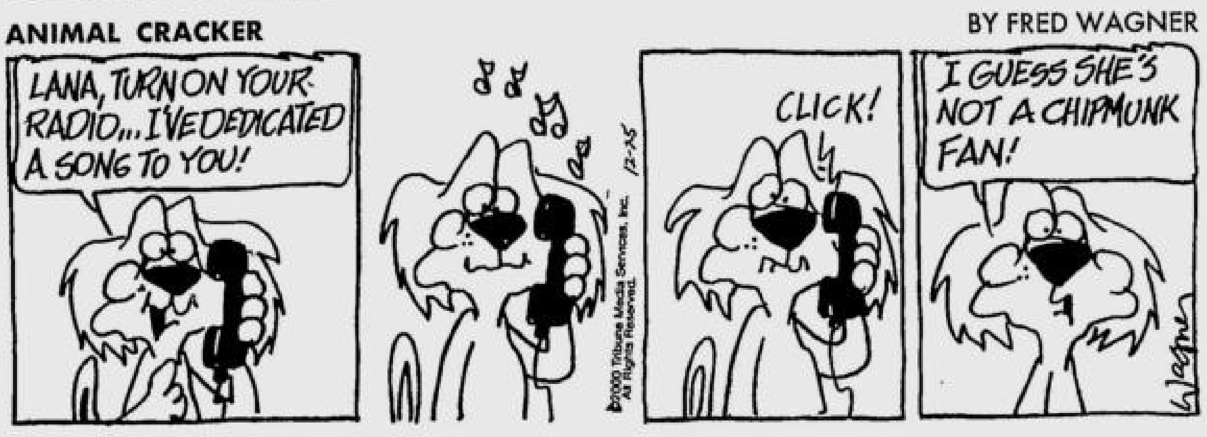
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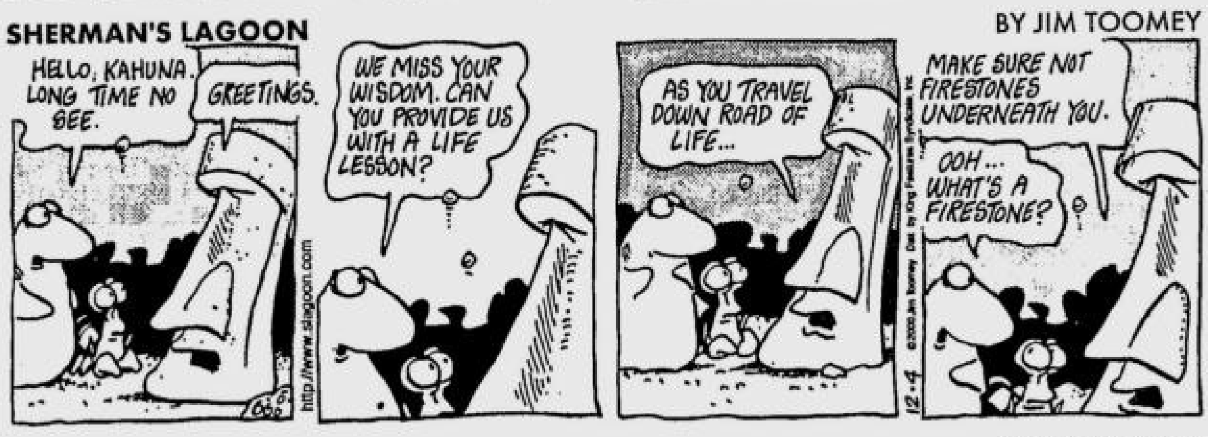
HELLO, KAHUNA. LONG TIME NO SEE.
GREETINGS.
WE MISS YOUR WISDOM. CAN YOU PROVIDE US WITH A LIFE LESSON?
AS YOU TRAVEL DOWN ROAD OF LIFE...
MAKE SURE NOT FIRESTONES UNDERNEATH YOU.
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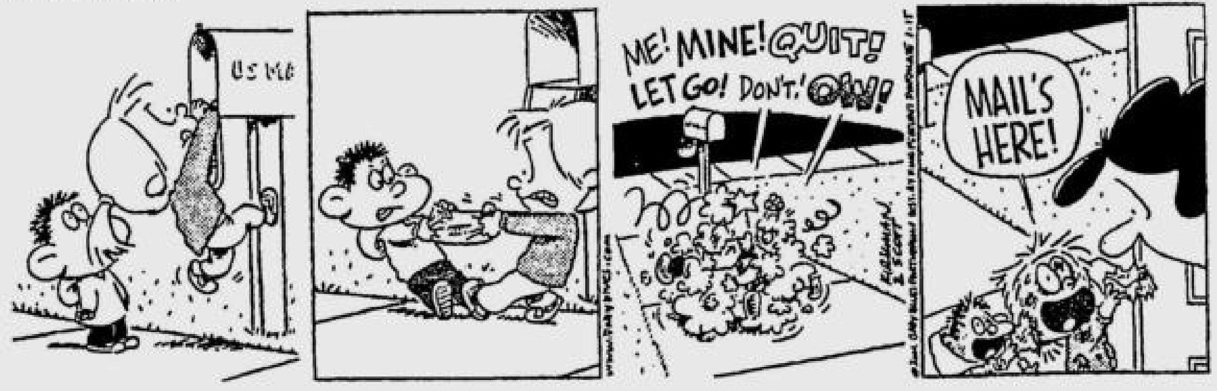
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ME! MINE! QUIT! LET GO! DON'T! OW!
MAIL'S HERE!

HOROSCOPE

BY EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Tom Selleck, Ann Jillian, Katharine Ross, Germaine Greer, Oprah Winfrey, Greg Louganis, Heather Graham, Edward Burns

Happy Birthday: This is not the year to sit back and watch others excel. To get ahead will take effort, but doing nothing will lead to future uncertainties. Stop living in the past and start thinking about where you are headed. Don't miss out because you are not willing to push a little harder. Your numbers: 3, 17, 19, 22, 41, 46

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Ask for favors, as long as you don't require help with legal matters. Take time to connect with people who will appreciate your talents. Look into making some extra cash. Flirting will upset your mate.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your lover will cost you financially if you allow it. You will have to learn to say no if you don't want to end up broke and alone. You are losing respect by giving in all the time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You just can't keep your mind on your work. You should be looking into foreign cultures or philosophies that can broaden your horizons about life, love and happiness.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You can expect to have problems with your lover. Do not allow yourself to be taken advantage of when you are confused about the relationship. Ask point-blank where you stand.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Romantic opportunities will be plentiful. However, you must be careful you don't pick someone who is more interested in what you have than in who you are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It's a good time to make career changes. Interviews will go very well. Your warmth and genuine character will win you points. You can use your unusual ideas to show your versatility.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will do well in speculative money matters. Spend some time with children and don't forget to keep in shape. You have the energy to juggle a wide variety of activities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Avoid romantic interaction with colleagues. Redecorating will cost more than you want to spend. Emotional uncertainties will make communication with your spouse difficult.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Projects that involve telemarketing or mail order should be of interest to you. Look into the possibilities of starting your own small business. A relative may back your idea.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't let older relatives or siblings put demands on you. Do what you can, but don't feel guilty if you can't do it all. Your need to collect things will cause grief.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Romantic encounters will develop through social events or fitness programs. You will be able to make profits through investments. Popularity will be yours if you move into the limelight.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your anger may lead you in the wrong direction. Don't jump to conclusions. Think twice before you retaliate. You are not likely to get along with co-workers or impress your boss today.

Birthday Baby: You can be pretty laid-back and easygoing most of the time. You have the ability to see things quite clearly because you take the time to wager the pros and cons. You are a thoughtful and careful individual.

DAILY CROSSWORD

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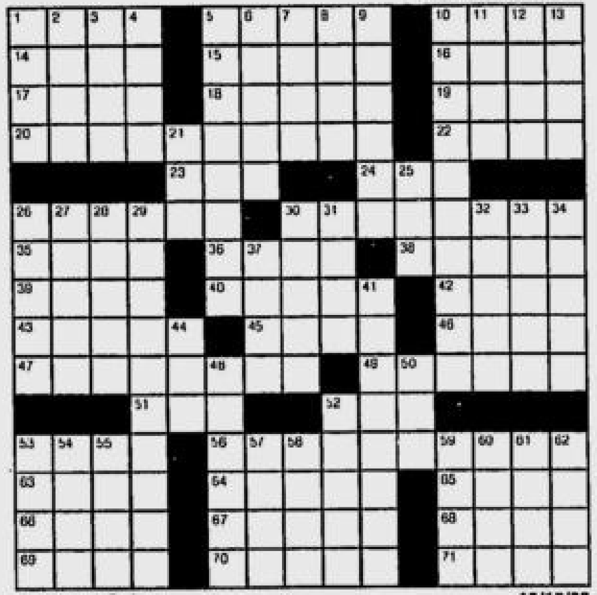

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10 Former Anglo-Saxon kingdom
14 Son of Seth
15 Patsy Cline classic
16 Close
17 Word in an octagon
18 Unbending
19 Sailor's saint
20 Joint replacement during wedding trip?
22 Some jacks are one?
23 Place to drive from
24 Writer Umberto
26 Minister
30 Force open
35 Actor Guinness
36 Light beige
38 "__ Blind Mice"
39 Fictioneer
40 Garb for a girl
42 Tranquillity discipline
43 Finish
45 Lhasa __
46 Russian leader
47 Begins again
49 Without coercion
51 Follower's suffix
52 Swine pen
53 Swine meat
56 Joint replacement in hairdo?
63 Lendl of tennis
64 Kofi of the U.N.
65 Singer Guthrie
66 Tardy
67 Use a poker
68 Coral colony
69 Otherwise
70 Tall structure
71 Sibilant signal

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1 Webwork
2 Keen on
3 Sneak a peek
4 Cable stn.
5 Concealed from view
6 First in quality
7 Othello's nemesis
8 Pinza of "South Pacific"
9 Australian metropolis
10 Joint replacement in rookie?
11 Squirmy
12 Title
13 Stomped (on)
21 WWII arena
25 Jazz enthusiast
26 Weaker in color
27 Fashionable shape
28 Enjoys a book
29 Joint replacement after careful search?
30 Makes ready, for short
31 Tim of "Star Trek: Voyager"
32 Got up
33 Kingly
34 Maudlin
37 End of demo?
41 Laundry additive
44 Light touch
48 Feast
50 Beach on Long Island Sound
52 Adder, e.g.
53 Stack
54 Track shape
55 Squealers
57 Not taken in by
58 Have answers
59 Infield coverage
60 God of war
61 Alts in the Aisne
62 Garret

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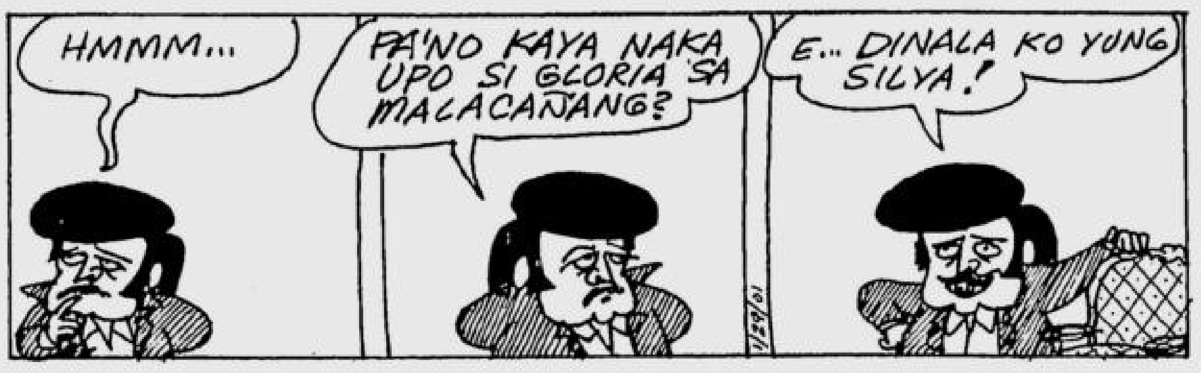
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PA'NO KAYA NAKA UPO SI GLORIA SA MALACAÑANG?
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E... DINALA KO YUNG SILYA!

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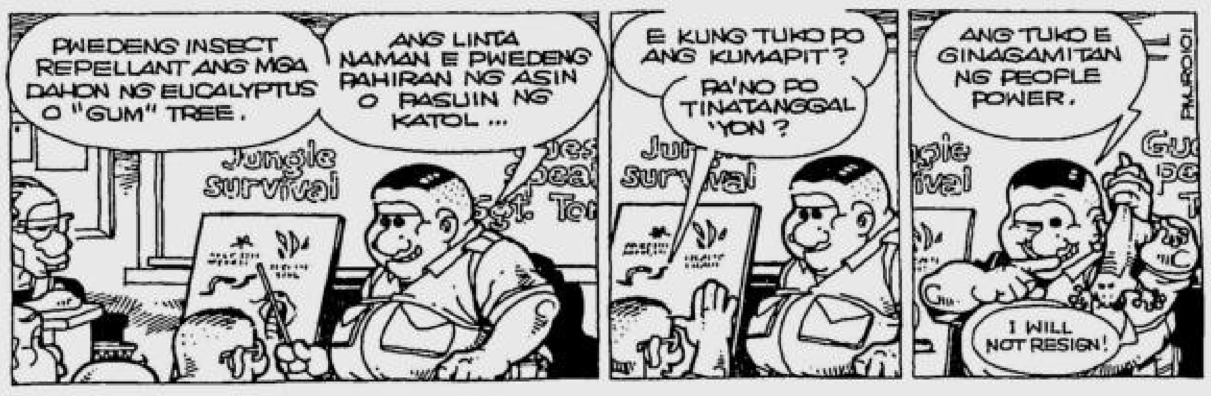
PWEDENG INSECT REPELLANT ANG MGA DAHON NG EUCALYPTUS O "GUM" TREE.
ANG LINTA NAMAN E PWEDENG PAHIRAN NG ASIN O PASUIN NG KATOL ...
Jungle survival
E KUNG TUKO PO ANG KUMAPIT?
PA'NO PO TINATANGGAL 'YON?
ANG TUKO E GINAGAMITAN NG PEOPLE POWER.
I WILL NOT RESIGN!
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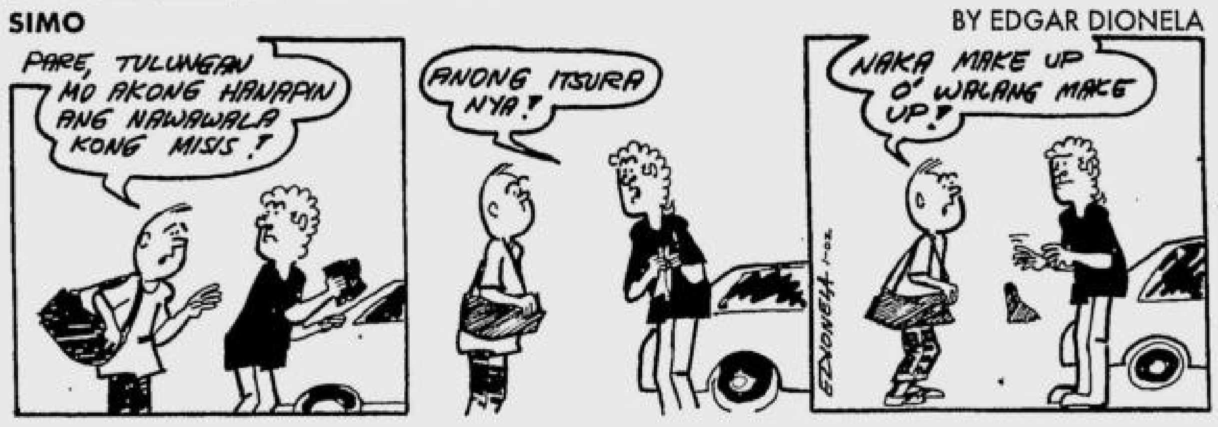
PARE, TULUNGAN MO AKONG HANAPIN ANG NAWAWALA KONG MISIS!
ANONG ITSURA NYA?
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NAKA MAKE UP O' WALANG MAKE UP?

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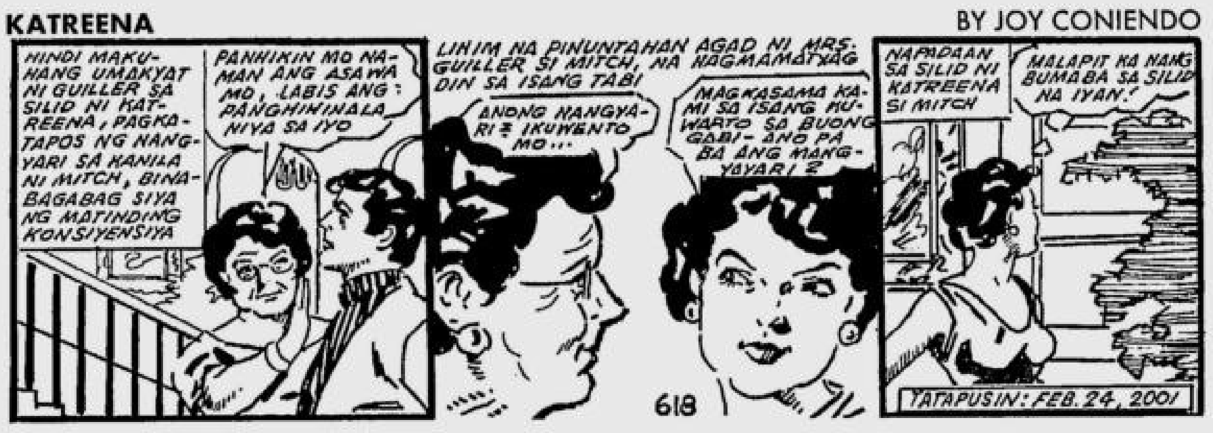
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PANHIKIN MO NAMAN ANG ASAWA MO, LABIS ANG PANGHIHINALA NIYA SA IYO
LIHIM NA PINUNTAHAN AGAD NI MRS. GUILLER SI MITCH, NA NAGMAMATYAG DIN SA ISANG TABI
ANONG NANGYARI? IKUWENTO MO...
MAGKASAMA KAMI SA ISANG KUWARTO SA BUONG GABI- ANO PA BA ANG MANGYAYARI?
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NAPADAAN SA SILID NI KATREENA SI MITCH
MALAPIT KA NANG BUMABA SA SILID NA IYAN!
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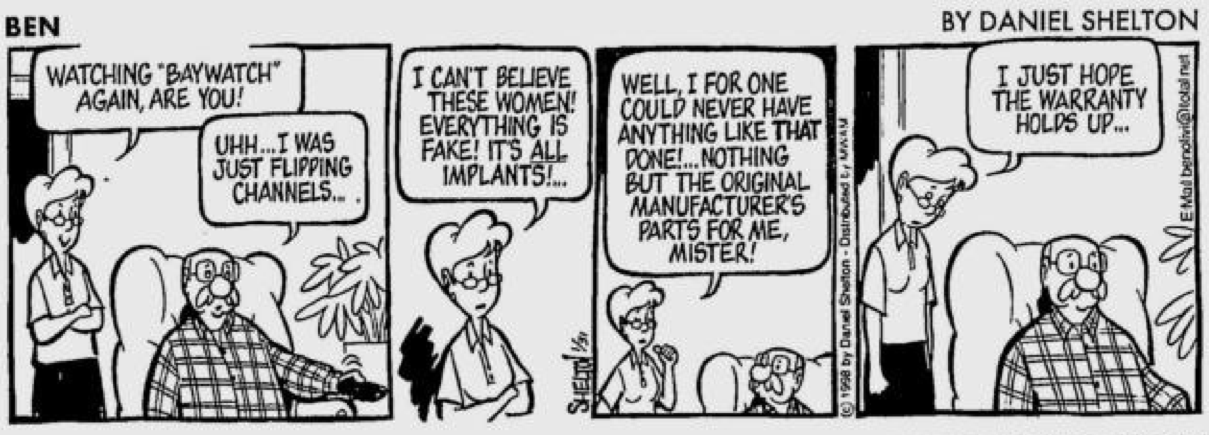
WATCHING "BAYWATCH" AGAIN, ARE YOU!
UHH...I WAS JUST FLIPPING CHANNELS...
I CAN'T BELIEVE THESE WOMEN! EVERYTHING IS FAKE! IT'S ALL IMPLANTS!...
WELL, I FOR ONE COULD NEVER HAVE ANYTHING LIKE THAT DONE!...NOTHING BUT THE ORIGINAL MANUFACTURER'S PARTS FOR ME, MISTER!
I JUST HOPE THE WARRANTY HOLDS UP...
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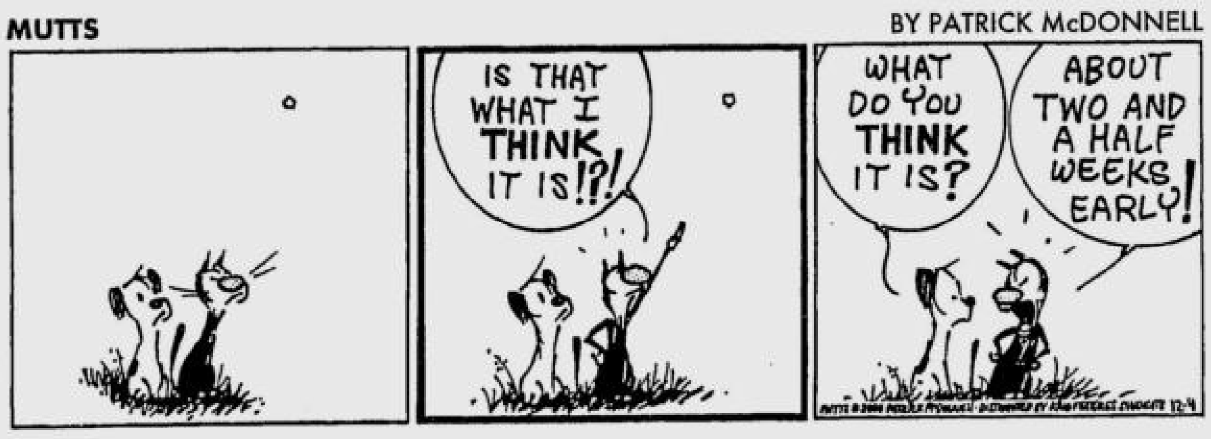
IS THAT WHAT I THINK IT IS!?!
WHAT DO YOU THINK IT IS?
ABOUT TWO AND A HALF WEEKS EARLY!
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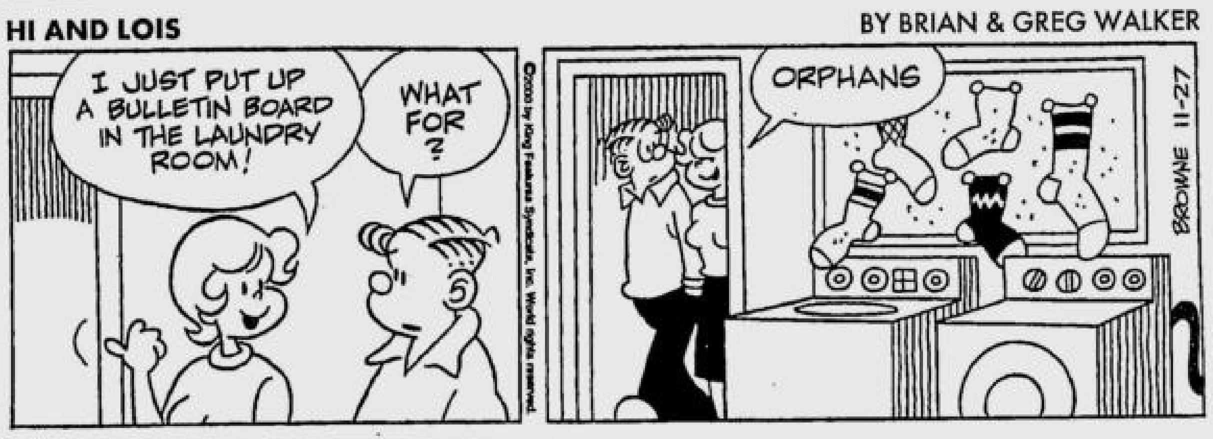
I JUST PUT UP A BULLETIN BOARD IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM!
WHAT FOR?
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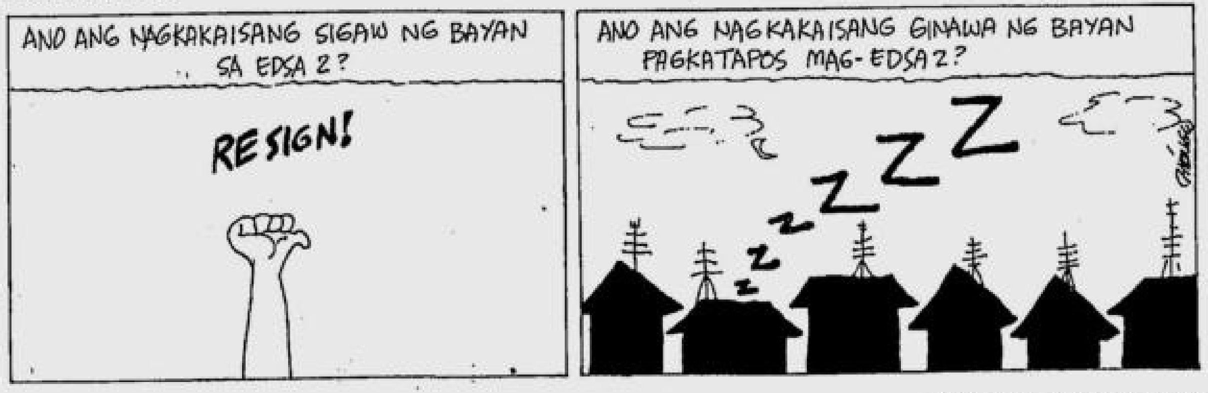
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RESIGN!
ANO ANG NAGKAKAISANG GINAWA NG BAYAN PAGKATAPOS MAG-EDSA 2?
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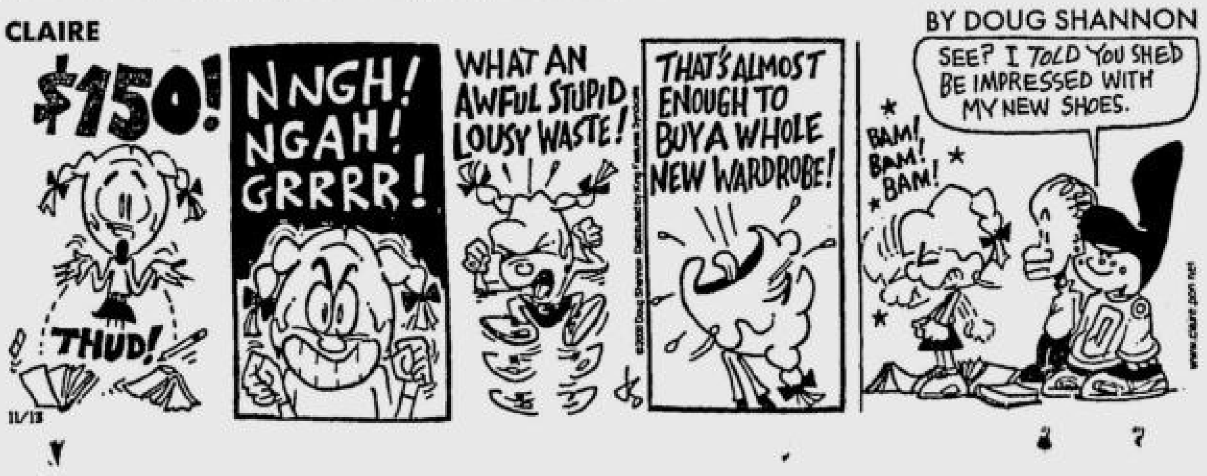
$150!
THUD!
NNGH! NGAH! GRRRR!
WHAT AN AWFUL STUPID LOUSY WASTE!
THAT'S ALMOST ENOUGH TO BUY A WHOLE NEW WARDROBE!
BAM! BAM! BAM!
SEE? I TOLD YOU SHE'D BE IMPRESSED WITH MY NEW SHOES.
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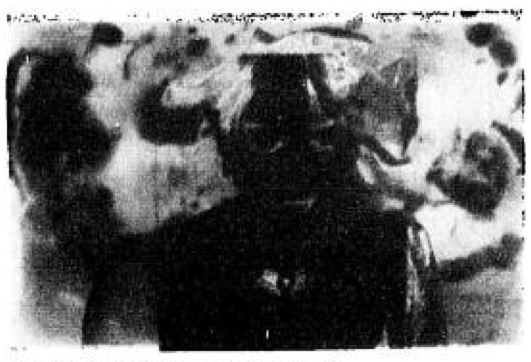

"**THE ORIGINAL** Temptation"

Breaking rules to create photographic art

(From page E1)

the college described Tita's work as an extension of her fine art background. "The use of photography as a canvas for painterly images of whimsy and delight are reminiscent of stained glass windows. Tita Lim's work is a departure from conventional realistic photography to an art form which fully realizes its medium and its imagery."

She has won awards for her works, among them in 35 mm color photography..But over the years, she continued to experiment, adding other elements to her compositions. Sometimes she would paint on the negatives or transparencies, patiently peering through a magnifying loupe in a process reminiscent of Chinese terra cotta or coral miniature sculptures. At other times she would paste cutouts on blown-up prints of negatives.

One remembers that in 1996, during one of her solo shows at the Hiraya Gallery in Manila, Tita's work was referred to as painted photographs. At first glance the pictures look like the result of double exposure, but a closer examination reveals the ingenious blending of a photograph and a painting.

Nowadays the term does not always apply to her works. "When I'm 64," the large three-dimensional work depicting a birthday cake which serves as centerpiece of her current solo exhibit, makes use of a negative cutouts (from the invitation to her 1992 exhibit, "Altered Images"), birthday cake candles and glue. "I just wanted to hold the candles in place. While testing the glue gun I liked the patterns the glue made oh the surface. I decided that would be the icing," Tita says. So she fired away.

What then does one call this type of composition—tampered transparency?

"If you're not restricted by rules, there's no limit to what you can do," she says. This is not to say, though, that she just lets her imagination run wild. Despite their unconventionality, neatness and order mark Tita's photographs—qualities one could probably trace to the combined disciplines of photography and fine arts.

The curious thing about Tita's work is, when she begins a piece, she has absolutely no idea how the finished work will look.

BREAKING/ p.E4

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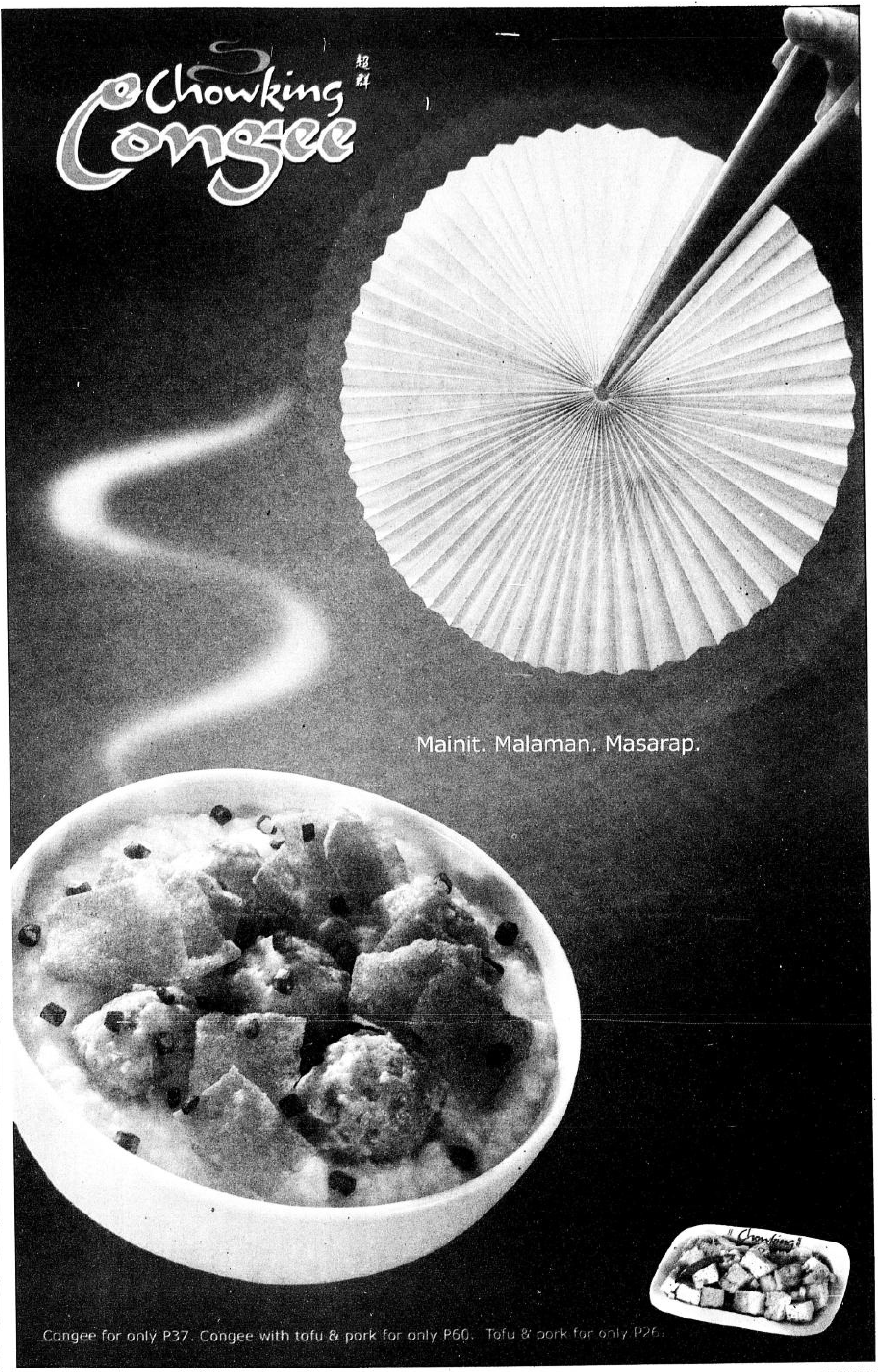

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BELLA'S decorative crafts

Crafts course focuses on candle making

INDUSTRIAL artist and painter Victor Bella, who finished fine arts at Maastricht Academy of Visual Arts, Netherlands, holds a series of weekend art courses known as the "Arts Inspiration Series for Fun, Gift Giving and Profit." Now on its seventh year, the workshop schedule and description can be accessed at www.geocities.com/victor_bella/schedule.html.

Group courses include Artistic Candle Making with Decorative Making Decorative Painting on Glass Metal and Ceramics, Acrylic Painting on Canvas, Flower Sculpture Figurine Making and Decorative Silicon Rubber Mold Making.

Artistic Candle Making will tackle how to produce candle such as figurine, layered, container, gel and floating with special features such as aromatherapy, scented, drip-less, hand-painted and insect-repellent versions including decorative mold-making techniques.

Decorative Painting on Glass, Metal and Ceramics will teach how to transform inexpensive materials into something that sparkle with color and elegance. Projects include gemstone perfume bottles, floating candle container, canister, mugs and vases.

Figurine Making is about making transparent, translucent, opaque figurines, jewelry boxes and picture frames out of resin.

How to Paint Nature in Acrylic includes the all essential step by step and basic and advance techniques in painting on canvas. Students will learn how to handle painting with ease and confidence in approaching their preferred subject ranging from landscapes and flowers to underwater and cloudscapes.

Silicon Rubber Mold Making will teach how to produce decorative mold made art of extremely durable rubber for mass reproduction of artworks such as figurines, candles, jewelry boxes and picture frames.

Flower Sculpture includes the creation of nonwithering vibrant and colorful flowers in both classic and modern styles using either oven-fire or air-drying clay. Flowers to be produced are orchids, roses, calla lily, daisies, tulips and sunflowers.

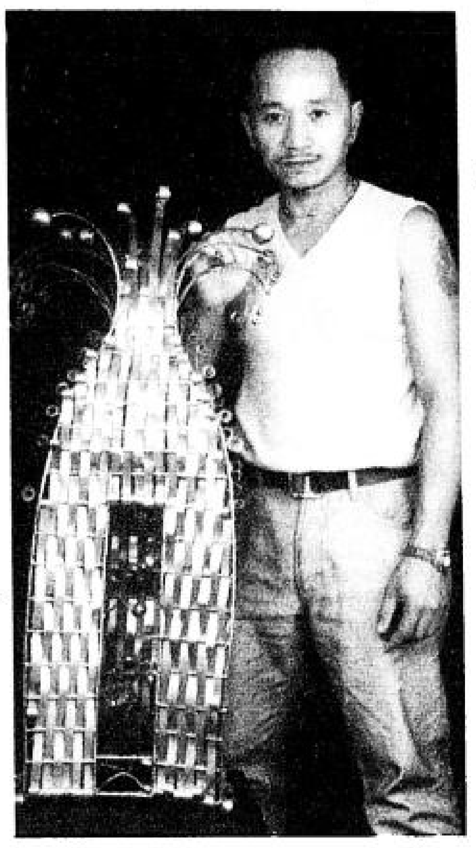
Tutorial programs are also offered providing the student a special promo package of all the courses, given in a one on one training schedule by appointment.

Participating students will receive complete and updated world standard information with actual hands-on. Participants who wish to see work samples may visit www.geocities.com/victor_bella or www.geocities.com/victor_bella/schedule.html.

Call 890-3778 or (0917) 368-3212, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays to Fridays. Lessons will begin on Feb. 3 and 4 for Candle Making, at 30 Polaris St., Bel-Air, Makati.

WOMEN POTTERS AT GALLERY 139

Lilia Lao and Winnie Go gather their finest high-fired stoneware and raku vases, bowls and jars for a joint exhibit at Gallery 139 (Glorietta 4, Ayala Center) from Feb. 2-14. Both are students of John Pettyjohn.



CAINGLET AT THE DRAWING ROOM

Henri Cainglet mounts a one-man show of recent sculptures at The Drawing Room (G/F Metrostar Building, 1007 Metropolitan Ave., Makati) from Feb. 3 to 28. Inspiration for the new set of stainless steel sculptures is the sea life and his immediate surroundings—the beaches of Infanta, Quezon. Call 897-6990 or 7877.

Breaking ...

(From page E3)

So when does she decide that a piece is done? "When I like what I see," Tita says. "But then again, sometimes I decide it's done and put it on exhibit, then years later, I look at it again and re-compose it, perhaps add an element or two. It's like rereading a diary—you edit and reedit as more details come to mind."

One example is "Exit," one of the new pieces currently on exhibit. It is actually "Sino Filipino," a 1996 work, with a cutout added. "I used the same image but a different printing process," Tita mentions.

In a way her works are like her career: she had no inkling where her studies would take her. Finishing high school at St. Theresa's College, Manila, in 1971, Tita took up political science at UP but shifted to fine arts, majoring in visual communication. For the next several years, much of her time was taken up by responsibilities in the family's heavy equipment business. Tita indulged in art simply as a diversion, dabbling in landscape photography during leisure trips abroad.

In 1987 she went to the US to enrol at the Academy of Art College. Ironically it was while taking formal lessons in photography that she learned to break the rules, consequently finding her medium.

"Beyond Aperture" runs till Jan. 31. Tita V. Lim is also participating in a group show, "Who Owns Women's Bodies," opening on Feb. 8 at the Cultural Center of the Philippines

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"Investigate" tells the story of a female college student working part-time as a "guest relations officer" in a men's club.

The Bombs Joey Mead and Bernard Palanca sizzle as they give advice on what to do with third-wheelers and how to worm your way out in flirts and platonic relationships. Pia Gonzalez shows you how to start your own business. Chef Mara de la Rama provides gastronomic treats for Valentine's.

"Playtime" features a new music video format, books by English authors, new movie releases, the hottest games and website, and the latest TV show from Studio 23, "Angel." "Crystal's Ball" guides you to your New Year's resolution. Have a good laugh with school jokes and get updated on school events through "Soundboard."

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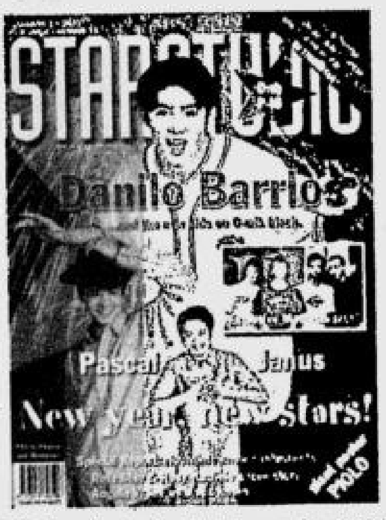
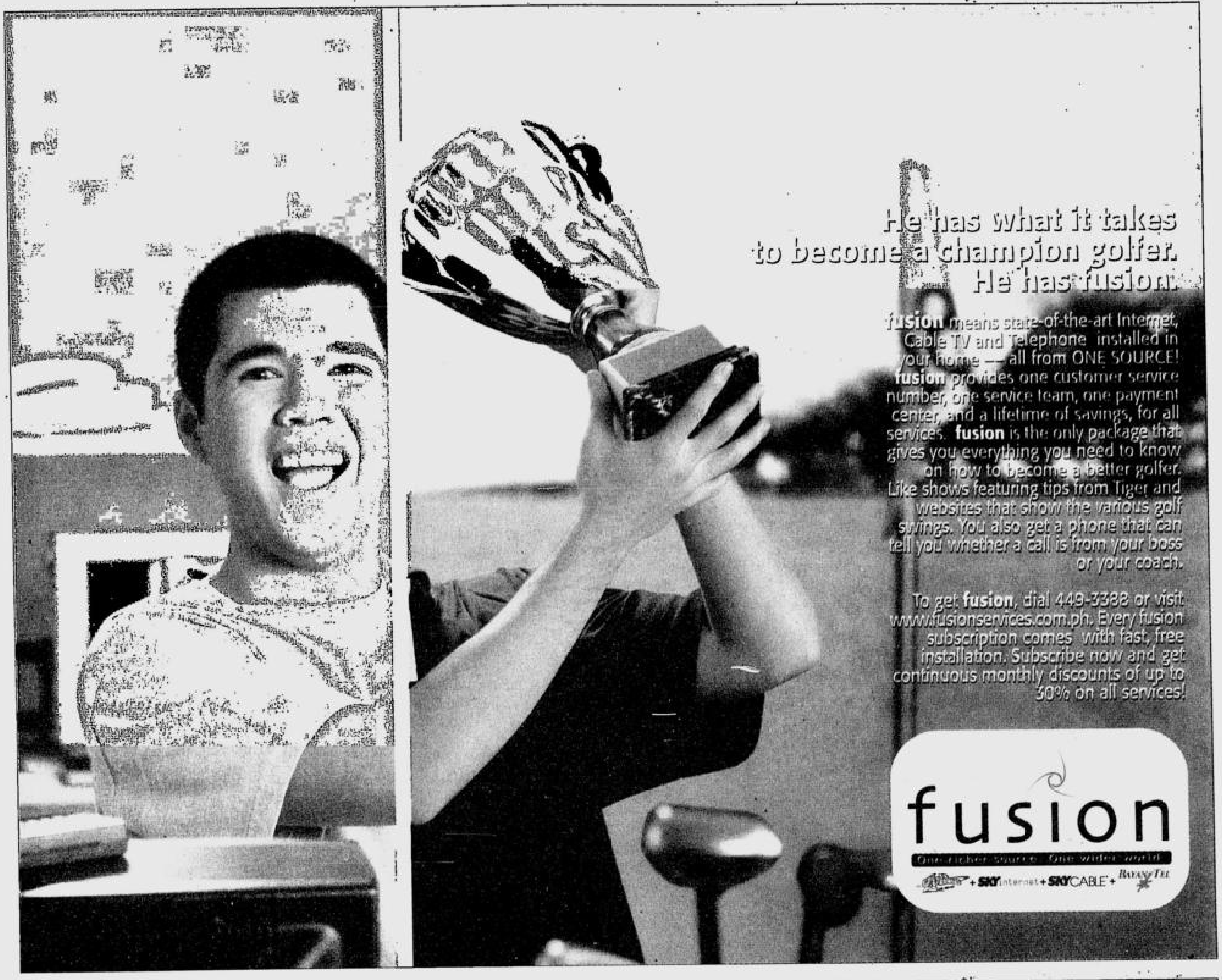


BOYS dominate the first issue for 2001 of Starstudio, the fun fan mag. The cover story features "G-mik" stars Danilo Barrios, Janus del Prado and Pascal Greco. Teen actor Cogie Domingo talks about the accolades he's getting for "Deathrow" and "Yakapin Mo Ang Umaga." Popular boy band The Moffatts are caught in exclusive photos during their last tour of Manila. Handsome hunk Piolo Pascual is poster boy.



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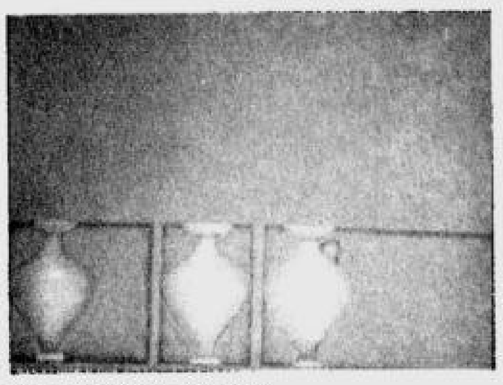

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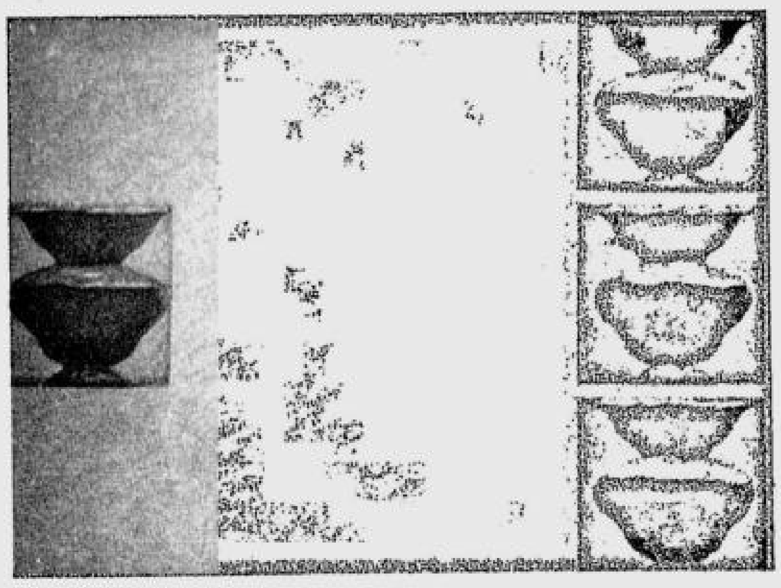

UNTITLED

Nikulas Lebajo's paper chase

By Alex Y. Vergara

"ART is not about money. It's all about concepts that you can proudly call your own."

Nikulas Lebajo, 28, swears by this belief as he opens his latest one-man show on Feb. 3 at the Drawing Room (Metro Star Building, Metropolitan Avenue, Makati). The soft-spoken painter known for his trademark theme of vintage jars and bottles has chosen a new medium: oil on paper.

The 18-piece collection will again revolve around vessels in various shapes, sizes and colors set in bold, solid backgrounds such as canary yellow, acid green and periwinkle. This time, though, Lebajo has drawn inspiration not from age-old bottles, but from earthen vessels that were shaped in his mind.

"It was harder to paint on paper than on canvas," he admits. "But it was a welcome change because I learned a lot from it."

For one, he had to familiarize himself with the unfamiliar surface. Colors tend to bleed easier on paper than on canvas. Paper, unlike cloth, also allows little room for mistakes. You can't simply put a layer of oil on paper to hide an extra line here or mismatched shade there.

Remember your art classes in kindergarten? Paper can only take so much paint. Lebajo had to relearn this the hard way: his earlier works on paper had a tendency to buckle due to too much oil. In some cases, the upper layer of paper had the tendency to become too thin and hairy. And like most of his colleagues, he mixes various colors to come up with the desired shades.

"Since it's next to impossible to repeat a particular shade," says Lebajo. "I had to work fast and finish the background if possible in one sitting."

Collectors need not worry, though. This time,

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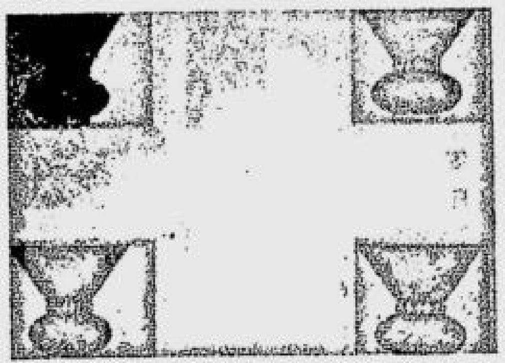
> The young artist known for his drawings of vintage bottles gets everything down on paper



"2 + 2 Jars"

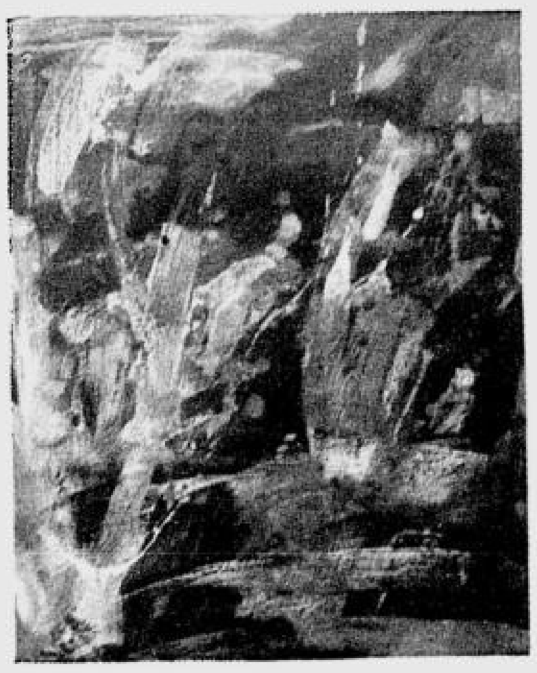
TOOTS Magsino (center) takes a break from her studies at the Art Students League of New York to open her fifth solo exhibit dubbed "Toots Magsino—Paintings and Prints." The opening was led by guests of honor Juvenal Sanso and Sally Marshall on Jan. 19. The exhibit runs until Feb. 3 at Gallery Nine, 150 Jupiter St., Bel-Air, Makati. Call 899-2704 or e-mail tmagsino@aol.com.

JANA BENITEZ OPENS SHOW IN NEW YORK

Jana de Asis Benitez will hold her fourth solo exhibition from Feb. 3 to March 1 at the Walter Wickiser Gallery in New York, USA. Titled "Pierce Through...," the show will feature 50 pastels, acrylics and prints. From left, Joanne de Asis-Benitez, Ruth Kurzbauer (vice consul, US Embassy), Jana Benitez, Nick Drendowski and Martha Amblin (US Embassy) at the opening of Jana's exhibit at the Ayala Museum last year.

ORENCIO AT WEST GALLERY

Abstractionist Jim Orencio's "Accellerato" at the West Gallery (3/L Glorietta 4) will be on view starting Feb. 1 (opening cocktails on Feb. 3, 6 p.m). The show "accelerates" his transition from impressionist landscapes to abstract forms. Above is "Nocturne," acrylic on paper. Show runs until Feb. 13. Call 752-7028/7029.



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Mike Austria's newest show

MICHAEL S. Austria says that his newest exhibit, "Hugis ng Pag-ibig," presents pictures "of love we see each day between two or more people. They share mutual feelings of respect, importance and affection.

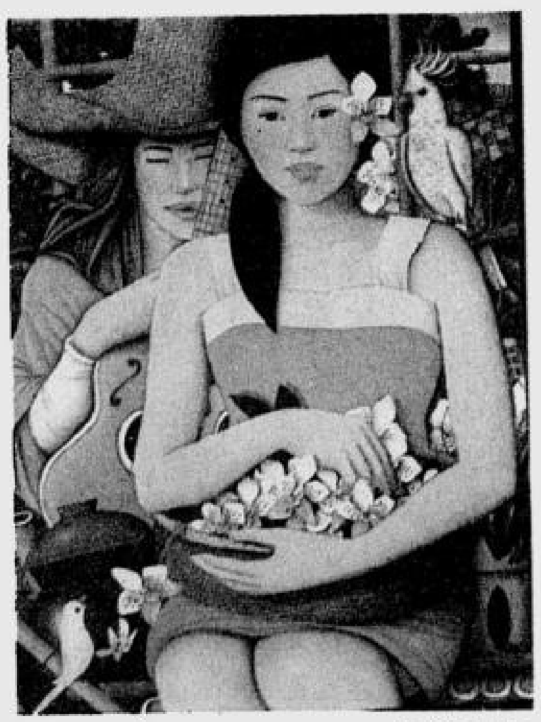
"My subjects: *mag-anak*, *ligawan* and others portray the beauty of love in different forms typical of Filipino culture and tradition. I'm no different from most Filipino painters. We express charm, romanticism and positivism by nature.

"It doesn't matter how rough life becomes. I always look at the brighter side. I'm aware of what is happening around me, it is sad and frustrating. But why depict it when I can paint the alternative?

"People are tired with all the same news stories we hear and read. People want the real world, where man lives in harmony with nature. A quiet and simple life. I would like to remind people about the essence of love and its beauty.

"I always like to paint a kind of world I wish for. A world that is filled with love and happiness. The surface of my canvas is where I will tell a story about love and how it conquers all."

Austria's seventh one-man show opens on Feb. 1, 6 p.m., at the Metropolitan Gallery, 4/L Building A, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong. Call 673-8387 to 88.



LOVE is the young Austria's theme.

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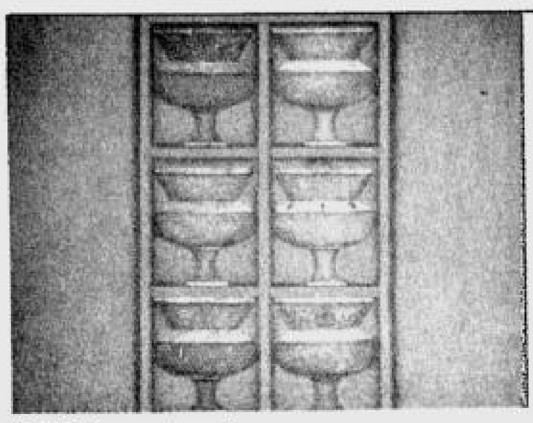

"**SIX** Mosque Lamp"

Nikulas Lebajo's paper chase

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Lebajo promises to come up with textured works characterized by defined lines, definite improvements from his previous works. Each figure in the painting has minute at time radical differences from the rest. And unlike before, he has chosen brighter colors over subdued shades.

"I let my feelings dictate a scene," he shares. "Although I have a mental image of what I want to achieve, I don't have a set of rules in the choice of colors."

Still, people are bound to ask why the penchant for vessels? Lebajo's fascination for breakable objects probably began when he was a child. Dad Raul Lebajo, also a noted painter, collects all sorts of bottles and containers in various shapes, sizes and colors from the recent and distant past.

"We're as much a captive of what we are exposed to," he says.

The burning desire to make a pile at all costs isn't probably one of them.

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3.1M in cardbase; P100B in billings

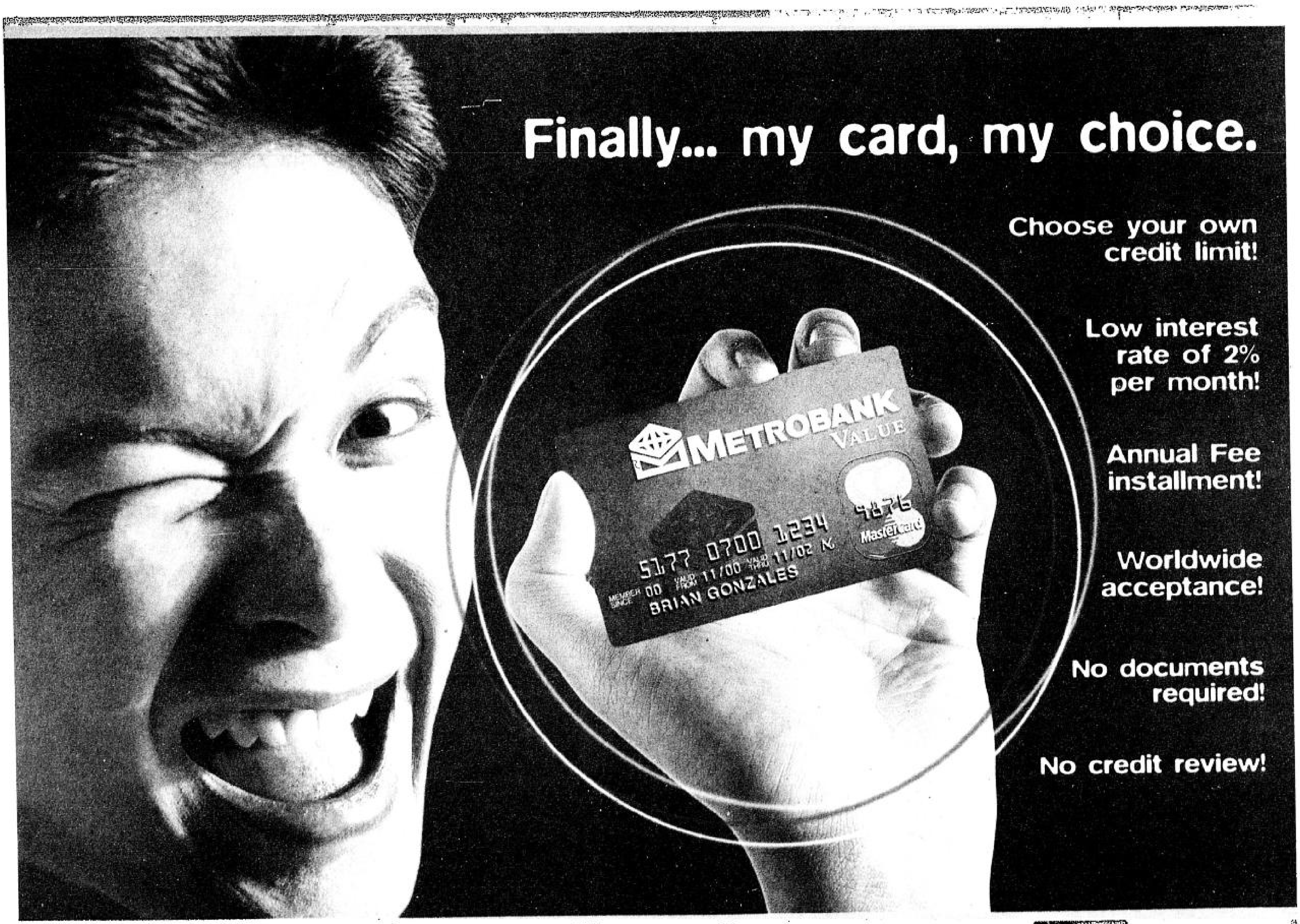
THE CREDIT Card Association of the Philippines (CCAP) recently conducted a press conference to celebrate its 20th founding anniversary. The event, which was held at the 1851 Club, Bank of the Philippine Islands Head Office in Makati City, was attended by media correspondents and the member banks of the association.

In his welcome remarks, CCAP President Dave Sarmiento expressed excitement over the growth of the credit card industry in the last few years. He said, by the end of year 2000, the card base has reached 3.12 million, with P100 billion worth of billings. He likewise mentioned the role and achievements of CCAP during its 20 years of existence. "Over the past two decades since CCAP began, it has consistently demonstrated its commitment to the development of the credit card industry in the Philippines. With the rapid changes in technology, the Association has played a leading and proactive role in the issuance and acceptance of credit card in the Philippines. On its 20th anniversary, CCAP reaffirms its commitment to work for the service of its cardmembers by working hand in hand with its merchant partners."

Jojo Ocampo, BPI Card Corporation President and a member of CCAP, presented the humble beginnings of the association, highlighting CCAP's mission, milestones, security programs and future plans. Emphasis was put on the role of the credit card industry in the success of the latest technology in the market today—that of e-commerce in the Internet.

> 'CCAP reaffirms its commitment to work for the service of its cardmembers by working hand in hand with its merchant partners'

CCAP officers (seated, from left): Elizabeth L. Legarda, secretary; David G. Sarmiento, president; Cynthia R. Valenzuela, first vice president. Standing, from left: Victor L. Mendoza, treasurer; Jose A. Nuñez Jr., chairman and Eugenio R. Hernando, second vice president.



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This occasion brings to focus the significant strides that the credit card industry has achieved for the past years. Credit mobilization has indeed been revolutionized and vastly improved through the fast and convenient use of credit cards. Through the indu try, the unimpeded flow of credit in the form of innovative financial p ucts and services to the important sectors of the economy has been assured. It is notewo y that the CCAP, the leading forum for addressing credit card issues, has contributed sig antly to the success of the industry, helping to provide direction and define the standards he credit card business.

We hope that this occasion will further strengthen commitment in supporting your members to continue their delivery of world-class pro and services to more people in the Philippines.

Our best wishes and more power to CCAP!

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THE BANKERS Association of the Philippines extends its warmest greetings and congratulations to the officers and members of the Credit Card Association of the Philippines as it celebrates its 20th anniversary. Indeed, there is much cause for celebration and recognition of all of CCAP's contributions in the past years.

Looking back, the CCAP has been instrumental in providing credit service to the Filipino people. It has provided an avenue through which individuals can transact without the need for cash, changing the face and flow of money and ultimately allowing for developments in finance.

As we now face this new millennium, a different set of issues and concerns will surely arise and need resolving. With the strong foundation that CCAP has already built and the industry expertise that it has proven, we are confident that it will successfully continue its good work in the coming years.

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On this 20th anniversary, we are reaffirming our commitment to work for the service of our cardmembers by working hand-in-hand with our merchant partners.

In behalf of the officers and members of the CCAP, I would like to thank our merchant partners and industry partners, Amex, Diners, JCB, MasterCard and Visa for providing credit facility to our cardmembers internationally.

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May your next twenty years be as successful as the last.

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A brief organizational history of the Credit Card Association of the Philippines

ON OCTOBER 7, 1980, a group of representatives from American Express, Bank of America, Diners Club, Equitable Bank, PCI Bank, Pacific Card and the Manila Banking Corporation met at the El Comedor Restaurant in Ermita Manila, to talk about the formal creation of an association. They decided to name the association Credit Card Association of the Philippines (CCAP). The main objective of the group was to maintain closer cooperation among card companies and to foster fellowship in the attainment of mutual and common interests.

Shortly after, the CCAP's incorporation papers were submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission and the CCAP was incorporated on January 6, 1981.

The first set of officers were: Antonio Pahati, president; Reodino Crescini, vice president; Celso Dayrit, treasurer; and Cynthia Valenzuela, secretary.

Since then, the organization has grown to include, in the 1980s Bankard, RCBC/JCB, Unicard, BPI Card Corporation, Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Far East Card, and Citibank. The 1990s saw the entry of PNB Card, City Trust, Jardine Finance, MBf Card, Solid Bank, Standard Chartered, AIG Philam Bank. In the year 2000, two new members, Union Bank and United Overseas Bank joined the association.

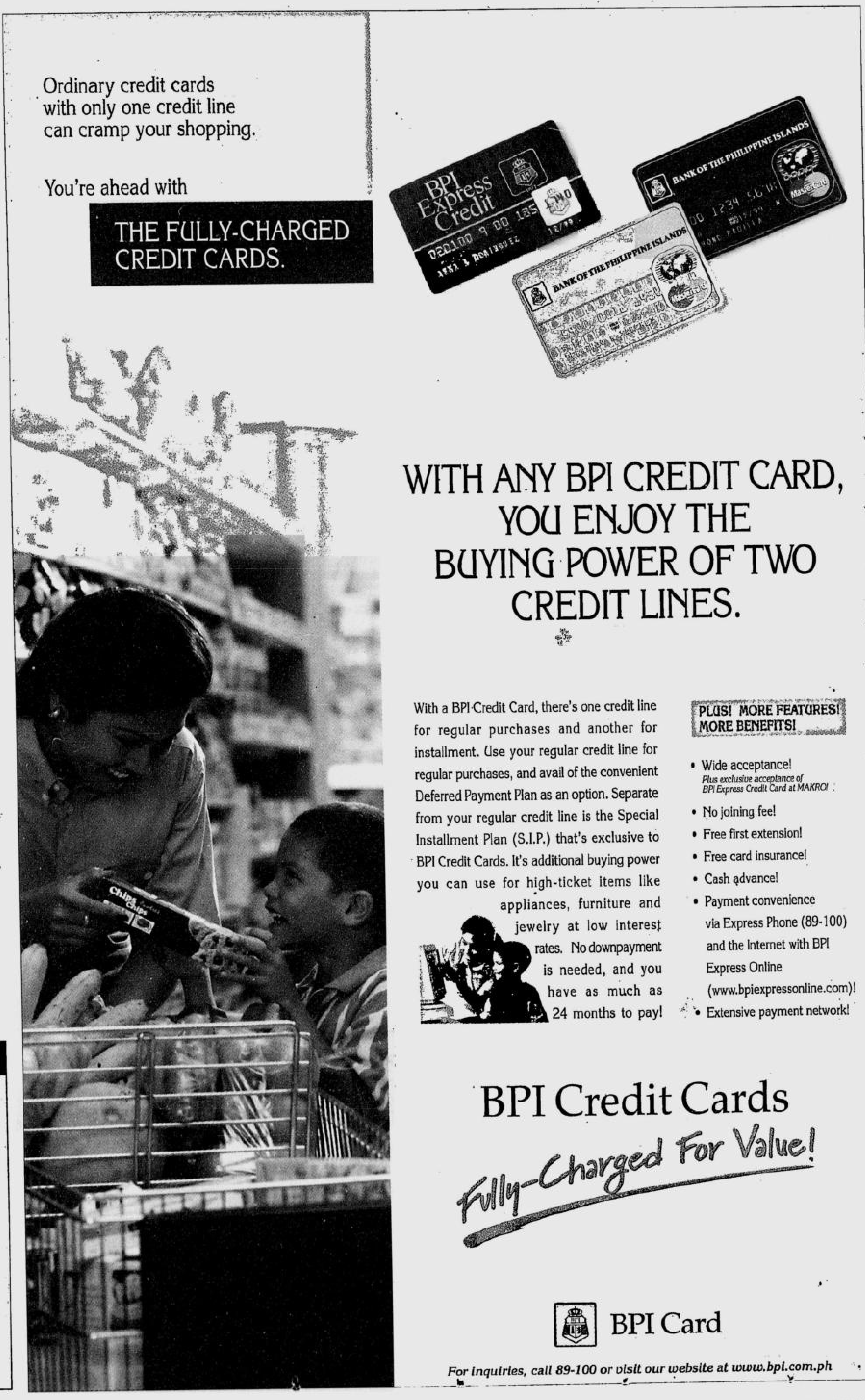
Today, CCAP is composed of 16 member card companies and one honorary member from the former Manila Bank.

The present officers of CCAP are: Jose A. Nuñez Jr., chairman; David G. Sarmiento Jr., president; Cynthia Valenzuela, first vice president; Eugenio K. Hernando, second vice president; Elizabeth L. Legarda, secretary; Victor L. Mendoza, treasurer; and Charito Q. Balmes, assistant secretary.

The Board of Directors is composed of: Rolando C. Tanchanco (AIG Philam Bank), Ian T. Fish (American Express International, Inc.), Elizabeth L. Legarda (Bankard, Inc.), Marie Josephine M. Ocampo (BPI Card Corporation), Gerry Santos (Citibank, N.A.), Eugenio K. Hernando (Equitable Card Network, Inc.), Sridhar Chandrasekharan (The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Ltd.), Reynaldo G. Monasterial (MBf Card, Inc.), Guillermo R. Facundo (PNB Visa), Meliza R. Rodriguez (RCBC/JCB), Jose A. Nuñez Jr. (Security Diners International Corporation), Kim Har Hsung (Standard Chartered Bank), Cynthia Valenzuela (Unibancard Corporation), Manuel G. Santiago Jr. (Union Bank of the Philippines), and Ma. Bernadette C. Ibarra (United Overseas Bank Philippines).

CCAP's Goals

- To promote the use and acceptance of credit cards in the local, global and e-commerce settings;
- To make available credit cards to all who need and qualify for credit;
- To maximize and sustain the sales of merchants accepting our cards;
- To initiate measures for the protection of the industry and partner members; and
- To foster stronger and more active fellowship among members in pursuing common interests.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Credit card industry highlights

WITH the combined efforts of the CCAP member banks, the credit card industry is proud to have achieved the following:

- Cardbase now stands at 3.1 million cards, growing at an average rate of 23.3 percent in the past 6 years.
- Industry value is at P100 billion, likewise growing at 25.9 percent in the past 6 years.
- Merchant affiliation locally spans 30,000 merchants across the nation, and with the linkages with Amex, Diners; JCB, MasterCard, and Visa, credit cards are now accepted in at least 14 million merchants internationally.
- With 20, 000 terminals installed nationwide, cardholders are assured of fast, hassle-free transaction processing — 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- The industry now supports and gives livelihood to 3,496 personnel.

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CONGRATULATIONS on the 20th anniversary of the Credit Card Association of the Philippines. It is worthy to note that 16 major card companies are now working hand in hand to raise the standard of excellence in the credit card business. A major achievement towards better customer protection was CCAP's advocacy in the passing of Republic Act 8484, otherwise known as the "Access Device Regularization Act of 1998."

It cannot be denied that credit cards play an important role in the every day life of consumers and society in general. Thus, after 20 years of standing true to its commitment, I am confident that CCAP will continue to expand its role in the consumer world.

Diners Club International, Limited, therefore, is very proud to be part of that effort.

JOSE A. NUÑEZ, JR.
Asia-Pacific Representative
International Operations Policy Committee
Diners Club International Limited

ON BEHALF of MasterCard International, I congratulate the Credit Card Association of the Philippines (CCAP) on the occasion of its 20th anniversary.

It is indeed a pleasure to note the robust growth of the credit cards industry in the Philippines and the role that MasterCard continues to play in furthering that growth. In the early 1990s, MasterCard International was the first and only international payments service association that extended principal membership benefits and support for local banks and institutions. For many CCAP members, MasterCard provided the platform through which international card programs where offered. In the ensuing years, MasterCard continued its support for the professional development of the industry through MasterCard University courses for CCAP member staff.

We renew our commitment to the future of the Philippine credit cards industry through the comprehensive suite of the innovative MasterCard credit, debit and chip programs available to our member institutions just as we look forward to forging still stronger relations with your Association and our mutual members.

MasterCard International Asia-Pacific Region joins me in congratulating the Association's board and officers, and all its member institutions: *Mabuhay!*

JOSE RENE L. VILLA-REAL
Vice President
and Country Manager
MasterCard International
Philippines

THE 20TH anniversary of the Credit Card Association of the Philippines is truly a milestone worth celebrating. We at Visa International would like to extend our warmest congratulations to all the CCAP members and staff.

Since its inception, CCAP has established itself as an influential industry body that sets and upholds standards of card acceptance, encourages best practices and advances the potential of payment cards as a means of cash displacement in the Philippines. In a competitive industry like credit cards, it is indeed commendable that the association has managed to foster a strong sense of camaraderie and cooperation within the community.

Visa International, as the world's leading payment brand, will continue to support CCAP in its endeavors to promote the responsible use of credit cards in the country.

Again, our congratulations and best wishes for even greater success in the years ahead.

JAMES MURRAY
Executive Vice President,
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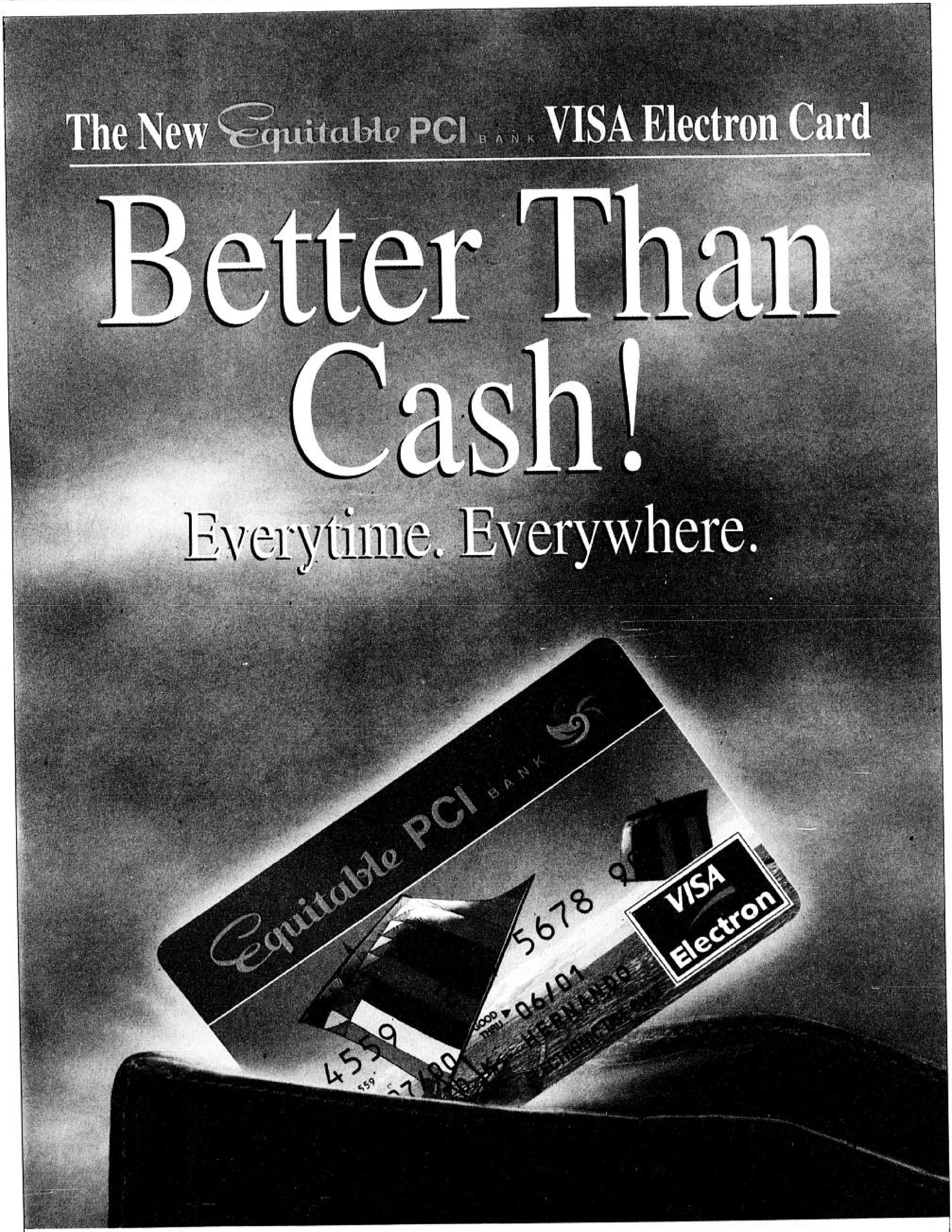

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The Credit Card Association of the Philippines' role in consumer protection

THE CREDIT Card Association of the Philippines, through its Security and Risk Committee is committed to take a coherent and collective approach in combating credit card fraud.

The cornerstone in the achievement of this objective is education. Education comes in the form of extensive merchant education, continuous law enforcement education, as well as timely information sharing and dissemination of the latest security trends among member banks.

Of particular significance is the Credit Card Association of the Philippines' sponsorship of Republic Act No. 8484 or The Access Device Regularization Act, for fraud protection and control, which was successfully passed by Congress in 1998.

Moving forward in the second millennium, the Credit Card Association considers, among its priorities, the following initiatives:

- The continued vigilance against surcharging and;
- The creation of a Credit Information Exchange Bureau which aims to assist members in enhancing their credit processes, safeguarding the quality of their portfolios, rationalizing credit exposure, and aiding in the formulation of their credit policies.

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TIME was when buying appliances meant saving up for several months or even years to pay for them in cash, or applying for appliance financing at the store which can take days and mounds of paper to complete.

The appliance stores did their own credit evaluation, bookkeeping and collection of installment transactions. Only a few savings banks offered appliance installment loans which essentially turned out not to be the most efficient of processes for both retailer and the customer.

The credit card companies came up with the idea of credit card installment purchases that essentially revolutionized the whole system. Appliance retailers saw the advantage of signing up with credit card companies to avail themselves of the convenience of selling appliances to their many customers without having to worry about funding, account monitoring and collection.

For the Filipino customer, the convenience is immense – no hassles on paper work, provided the cardholder has sufficient credit. With his monthly installment reflected in his statement of account, the cardholder is provided a record of how much he has been billed and how much he has paid

With the dawn of installment fairs and appliance bazaars, this trend found even greater following, interest and acceptance from the Filipino public. The best bargains would normally be found in these events when manufacturers join retailers in bringing good value buys on a whole range of appliances from small items to the larger units helping Filipino families not just dress up their homes but provide comfort and convenience to their daily living. Manufacturers have been able to move inventory faster through interest-free installment promos.

Even better, this same system and convenience has gone on to extend to such non-traditionally installed purchases as enrollment fees, school expenses and insurance premiums. And possibly all other one-time big spending items that may just need that extra stretch of the wallet that installment brings. And what better way to do it with than via credit card.

Credit cards have definitely revolutionized how we purchase and pay for many large expenses.

THE CCAP members in action during their general assembly. From left are Bernadette Ibarra, UOB; Rolly Tanchanco, AIG; Hope Atienza, CCAP (background); Meliza Rodriguez, RCBC/JCB; and Jojo Ocampo, BPI Card.

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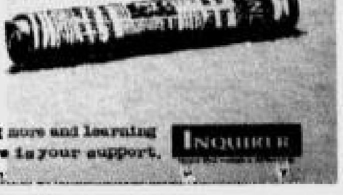

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CCAP president Dave Sarmiento presides during their general assembly. From left: Dave, Cynthia Valenzuela, Unibancard; Guillermo Facundo, PNB; Gerry Santos, Citibank; Lawrence Lee, Standard Chartered.

FROM left: Ian Fish, American Express; Eugenio Hernando, Equitable Card Network Inc.; Vic Mendoza, CCAP honorary member; Dave Sarmiento, BPI.

THE EXCOM of CCAP poses for the press

CCAP president Dave Sarmiento with CCAP's past presidents.

A MEMBER of the press receives his prize from CCAP president Dave Sarmiento as PR manager Hope Atienza looks on.

A MEDIA guest receives her prize from CCAP president Dave Sarmiento. Background is PR officer Mitzi Sibugan.

CCAP president Dave Sarmiento during his welcome remarks.

BPI Card president Jojo Ocampo during her presentation of CCAP's history, growth and its future.

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CCAP's programs: Battle-ready for e-commerce

The Credit Card Association of the Philippines and its fight against credit card fraud in the Internet

CREDIT cards have emerged as the most popular way to pay on the Internet, accounting for over 90 percent of all retail transactions. Are you all set to try the latest technology nowadays, but a bit hesitant to do some savvy shopping over the Internet? Before you click that "I BUY" button, the Credit Card Association of the Philippines (CCAP) has provided the latest initiatives that are being worked on to make it easier for you to use your credit card for Internet purchases and several tips to bear in mind:

1. Use a Secure Browser. Netscape Navigator version 2.0 (or later), or any version of Microsoft Internet Explorer provide you with an added level of security, called SSL. SSL automatically encrypts, or scrambles, your order and payment details before sending them to the merchant, ensuring your privacy and the integrity of your order. To ensure that the merchant you are visiting is using this security measure, look for an unbroken key or a lock in the status bar at the bottom of your browser window.

2. Compare product attributes and prices before buying. Instead of trekking from store to store, you can use the Internet to point and click your way around the world from the comfort of your home and find the items you want at the best value.

3. Keep your password secret. Some online merchants require you to register a user name and password along with your payment card details before buying an item. This password can be used to authorize purchases from that merchant so treat it as carefully as you treat your Personal Identification Number (PIN) for using Automated Teller Machines (ATMs).

4. Know the difference between buying from a business and buying from a private seller. With the expansion of online classifieds and auctions, it's now more common for individuals to be selling goods themselves via the Internet. While most private sellers are legitimate, your legal rights against an individual may not be the same as against a business.

5. Check delivery and return policies on the merchant's home page. Make sure you can return unsatisfactory items and check to see if you can get your money refunded or if you will receive a merchandise credit. Sales policies should cover the delivery methods and cost of delivery, currency accepted, taxes applied, return and refund policy and a contact number or e-mail address.

6. Shop with reputable merchants. If you're not familiar with an online store, take the same precautions you would with traditional mail and telephone merchants. Ask friends for references, contact your local consumer protection agency, or check to see if the merchant is listed at reference sites like http://shopguide.yahoo.com.sg or http://www.shopwithVisa.com.au

7. Keep a record of your transactions in case you need to return or exchange an item. This record should include the merchant's URL (Internet address) and either an order confirmation number or an e-mail confirmation that summarizes the price and quantity of a purchase. Print and save a copy of this information.

8. Your credit card is for purchases - do not provide your card details to any website asking for them for any other purpose.

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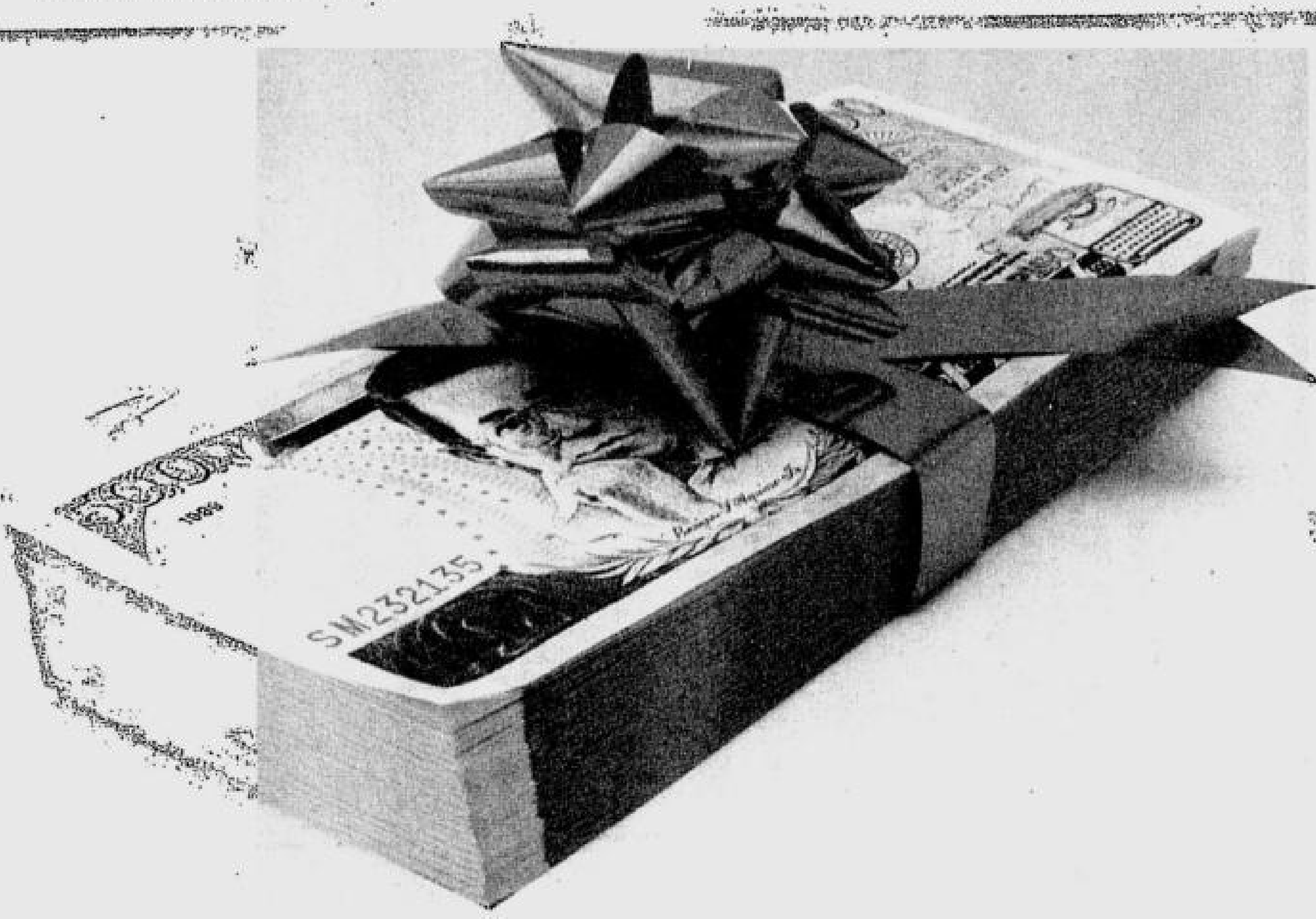

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